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Clarke to make landmark announcement in his Budget speech

First private hospitals for NHS

NICHOLAS TIMMINS and DONALD MACINTYRE

The first scheme in which the private sector will design, finance, build and operate a hospital directly for the National Health Service is due to be announced by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in tomorrow's Budget. The proposal would mean that Granada, more commonly associated with television and motorway service stations, would run a

150-bed section of a hospital. Mr Clarke is expected to give the go-ahead to the £35m project to rehuild large parts of Wycombe and Amersham General Hospitals, part of the South Buckinghamshire NHS Trust. The privately-financed project has been put together by the Health Care Group - a consortium of the builders Taylor Woodrow, Granada which will run the building, and the finance house Nexus.

The scheme will be anoounced to off-set capital cuts in the Budget expected to hit oot just NHS hospitals but the roads programme, housing, schools and other parts of ceotral Government spending. The South Bucks development will be followed shortly by approval for a £26m 166-bed new paediatrie wing at St James's University Hospital, in Leeds, planned to complete its redeelopment and a flagship £100m project to rebuild the said Mr Clarke's goal would be whole of the Norfolk and Norwich NHS Trust. That will provide a 700-hed privately financed and run facility leased to the NHS oo a green field site in the city. The private consortium will finance and run the huildings, but as with the other projects medical care will continue to be provided by di-rectly employed NHS staff. The projects are at the core

of a big boost to the government's Private Finance Initiative across departments that Mr Clarke will unveil in a budget speech which Tory MPs are now

firmly hoping will provide the hasis of a political recovery beween now and the general election. In a tough spending round which has seen cuts of around five per cent in the costs of all spending depart-ments ministers have been told that many pet capital projects will have to be privately fi-

nanced if they are to go ahead. In his Guildhall speech last week, Mr Major foreshadowed four privately financed trunk road projects and made it clear there were more in the pipeline. Ian Lang. President of the Board of Trade, said yesterday on BBC TV's "On the Record" that ministers were planning to

Inside

Plan for 25 more private hospitals page 2 City expects Clarke. fireworks

page 18 "raise the profile of the private finance initiative and added: "We ve already got about £2bn worth of contracts left under the PFI and we expect to have about £5bn by the end of this financial year. So it is beginning

to take off very effectively." Mr Lang appeared to inject a familiar note of cautioo on the Chancellor's tax plans when he to "to allow us to cootinue to grow oo the basis of a stable economic base, keeping inflation low. That is the kind of stahle base that industry wants most of all."

But although there have been consistent attempts in Whitehall to dampen hopes by some backbenchers of tax cuts of significantly more than £3bn there was a widespread view in senior Tory circles that the Chancellor would want to reduce the standard rate by 1p at least as an earnest of ministers' professed target of a 20p in the pound

standard rate. MPs are also hoping that Mr Clarke's relative prudence will be rewarded by a favourable market reaction which will allow him to reduce interest rates before Christ-

Mr Lang – ecboing the pri-vate view of other senior ministers -- said he had "no idea" whether the Chancellor would attempt to shnot Labour's fox by introducing a multi-billion pound windfall tax on the privatised utilities.

While Sir Marcus Fox, chair man of the influential 1922 committee, has suggested that such a tax might be a good idea, other Tory rightwingers are op-posed to the idea – which Mr Lang claimed yesterday Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, "seems to have forgotten" is, by definition, a one-off tax."

Some other senior Tories are also still hoping that Mr Clarke will introduce specific tax pro-posals to help homeownerswhether by increasing mortgage interest relief for first time buyers or by cancelling stamp duty at least for a set period. But if he chooses to resist pressure he will have been giveo strong support yesterday by a Social Market Foundation pamphlet which says that lower prices and a stable housing market are part and parcel of a low-inflation

Its authors Andrew Cooper the number of people said to be suffering negative equity is coo-

sistently exaggerated. The report says figures fail to account for people who move, those who make lump sum repayments and housebolds with endowment policies, the sur-render value of which may be greater than the loss in value oo

their property.

Meanwhile as part of the big boost to the private finance initiative, Stephen Dorrell, the Secretary of State for Health, expects around one scheme a month to go through over the next year.



Party affair: Kenneth Clarke in Nottingham at the weekend Photograph: David Jones/PA

Bruton makes 11th-hour peace proposals

DONALD MACINTYRE and RUPERT CORNWELL

John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, yesterday launched an 11th-hour effort to revive the fading prospects of an Anglo-Irish summit before the arrival of President Bill Clinton this week.

Mr Bruton was said by offi-

cial Irish government sources to have drafted in a new letter to John Major "fresh proposals" for a summit agreement which could pave the way to full allparty talks early next year. The move came after a week-

end letter from Mr Major to the Taoiseach in the wake of intensive talks between officials of both governments which failed to secure the necessary agreement for a summit to go ahead. Both governments have been hoping to set up an international commission on arms decommissioning coupled with separate preliminary talks between the two governments and each

of the Northern Ireland parties. The fresh move was dis-closed by Dublin last night af-ter Dick Spring, the Irish Deputy Prime Minister, warned

Rave' minister speaks

Disgraced "rave" minister Chris Brain has admitted "improper

sexual conduct with a number

against any assumption that President Bill Clinton's visit to London, Duhlin and Northern Ireland would itself break the

Mr Spring said: "There are different opinions held by the British and Irish governments and we have got to try to over-

visit was "very important for the country, North and South. The US administration has been a great resource". "I don't think President Clin-

ton has any tricks op his sleeve.

He said President Clinton's

He is not coming in that light, and it would be very unfair if either government expected him to offer the solution in the con-

text of our present dilemma."
The main difference between the two sides is over London's insistence that Sinn Fein/IRA agree to hand over some eapons before all-party talks

David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionists, recalled that President Clinton said some months ago that "decommissioning was the next step" and that he had assured the Union-

he had been constantly impressing on Sinn Fein the oeed

to make progress in this area. Mr Trimble added: "We were hoping that his visit and the influence he would be exerting ... would produce some movement from Sinn Fein, hut unfortunately it doesn't appear to have done so yet."

He said the problem was that rather than showing any commitment towards peace, "Sinn Fein leaders are constantly threatening renewed violence". But Gerry Adams, president

of Sinn Fein, told Jonatha Dimbleby on London Weekend Television: "I do think it is inevitable unless we start talking, unless we start to consolidate the peace process ... we will slip back into conflict."

Mr Clinton's aides are portraying the trip, which starts on Wednesday, less as opening a new chapter in the search for peace than as a "celebration" of the 15-mooth-old ceasefire in a part of the world where, as the President said in his regular Saturday radio address, "bombs and bullets have given way to hope".

IN BRIEF

Catholic challenge Traditionalist Catholics will consider a Irish High Court chal-lenge to the referendum which

ended the country's ban on di-Page 2

BBC privatisation

Virginia Bottomley is set to announce a plan to privatise the BBC transmitter network along with publication of the Corporation's new Charter. Page 4



of women" in his first television interview. Serb demand

Bosnian Serb leaders have demanded international protection for Serb-held parts of Sarajevo.

Mandela threat

President Nelson Mandela of South Africa said that Nigeria's military ruler, General Sani Abacha, was "sitting on a volcano" and that he would ex-plode it under him. Page 13

Close encounters of the video kind

The traditional British night out may oever be the same again. An evening in a nightclnh fol-lowed by a fight in the street or sex in a shop doorway could now lead to an unsolicited starring

film role. The release today of a video Caught in the Act! taken from closed-circuit television footage includes excerpts of a couple having sex in a doorway as well as men fighting and hotel staff in changing rooms. All were unaware they were being filmed.
But the content has prompted immediate calls from MPs

for a ban on its sale. It is the latest work from Barrie Goulding. the film-maker who made Executions, which showed 21 films erless to do anything about this of people being put to death. It and legislation is occded to led to such outrage that WH ensure that these cameras are led to such outrage that WH Smith and John Menzies banned it after politicians and

Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, has written to the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, arguing that the use of CCTV for commercial gain leaves people "wide open" to hlackmail. "I wrote to Mr. Howard after two of my constituents were being made fun spokeswoman said: "We would of, through a video of them tak-

police condemned it.

en in a store," he said. "It was-n't a big deal but there is a wider issue. The Government is powused for security purposes

Mr Goulding said yesterday: "It's voyeuristic, I wouldn't deny that. It is a commercial film and I will make money from it. But there is a message - who watches the watcher?

The Home Office last night admitted it could be powerless to prevent the film's release. A condemn the use of irrespon-

sible video images hut we have with every close-circuit camera. If that code is breached, we stop funding. But CCTV cuts crime and we don't want to make rules too vigorous." She added the issue may rest with the British Board of Film Classification.

The issue is also being taken up by the pressure group, Liberty, whose treasurer, John Lyons, said: "There is nothing wrong with having closed-circuit TV to protect people and to prevent or detect shoplifting and other crime, but people certainly do not expect to be spied oz in this way or for the material to be sold as entertainment."

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Revealed: Murdoch's tax holiday

EXCLUSIVE

MATHEW HORSMAN and JEREMY WARNER

Rupert Murdoch's News In-ternational has paid virtually no tax in the past ten years, despite racking up net profits of oear-ly £1hn since 1986.

The publisher of four na-tional titles, including the *Times* and the *Sun*, earned £779m in the year to the end of last June alone, but paid only £8.3m in

In the ten years since 1986, NI has made accumulated pre-tax profits of £979.4m (net of losses) but paid just £11.74m in net tax, a rate of under 1.2 per cent. Corporation tax in the UK is set at 33 per cent, and most firms pay tax of between 20 and 30 per cent of their profits.

NI's main competitors in the national newspaper market ill paid between 20 per cent and 29 per cent in tax on their 1994

The extent of the tax avoidince - which accountants coofirmed is completely legal – is revealed in an Independent inestigatioo puhlished today, and is bound to stir controversy on the eve of the Budget. Behind this unprecedented

tax holiday lies a chain of financial transactions of Byzantine complexity, sometimes in-volving letter-box companies in offshore tax havens. NI's pub-lished accounts contain a list of tax minimalisatioo. A bur-28 subsidiaries, of which ten are labelled "finance" companies.

Profits and losses are moved around the group. The eod result, together with the entirely normal use of past tax losses, is to reduce the parent comany's tax liability to nil. NI is and when.

Labour's spokesman for City matters, Alastair Darling, said his party was looking at ways to reform the rules governing corporate taxation, particularly the use of group tax relief by large corporations.

At the Labour Party Conference, Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, criticised companies which did not pay their fair share of tax.

Some of the company's tar avoidance can be explained by the entirely normal use of tax losses from previous years. The high costs of huilding up BSkyB, the company's satellite hroadcaster, as well as the move of Mr Murdoch's titles to Wapping, created loss-es that can he applied to current and future profits.

But these tax losses do not fully explain the extent of the tax holiday NI enjoys.

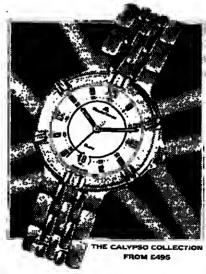
According to accountants consulted by the Independent, some of the transactions listed in Nl's many subsidiary



geoning and lucrative industry has grown up around corporate tax avoidance.

Accountants stress that the use of tax minimalisation techniques is not illegal. NI itself would not comment directly, but issued the following state able to decide where to pay tax ment: "It is our policy not to comment on financial or tax matters outside the oormal course of publishing the company's accounts. For the record the company has complied fully with its obligations under all tax laws to which it is subject. including those of the UK."

Maurice Lacroix



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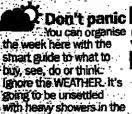
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Chancellor Kenneth Clarke unveils his Budget. Tory backbenchers of electoral salvation and Mr Clarke is unlikely to disappoint. Teasing the faithful at last month's party conference, Mr Clarke lapsed into Francis Urguhart-speak there might ha tax outs, he couldn't possibly comment. MPs will debate the Budget proposals for five days. They will comment. At length.

Teesing

After gritting his teeth and dropping in on Downing Street, Bill Clinton follows JFK, Ronald Reagan and Perry Como in filming a promotional video in ireland for his forthcoming gig, the US Pres-



golf cnurse beside tha Atlantic. Washington Insidars say a golf-crazy Clinton had already memorised the course handbook.

Pleasing

Newcastia gets the chance to see what the fuss is about their rugby transfer and registration rules, Rob Andrew's recruits - including England international Dean Ryan and Scotland's Gary Armstrong and Doddie Weir - have been prevented from playing for their new club. They make their first appearance, in a

TODAY

Cold snap

if the recent early dusk has enhanced your winter dapression, spare a thought for the villagers of Utsjoki, Finland. This is the last time they will see the sun until February. Add to that their andurance of temperatures of -20C and Britain's average eight and a half hours of daylight and temperate climate seem almost tropical by comparison. Even Britain can't compare with Namibia whose temperatures, in excess of 33C should provide daylight enough for anyone.

Fashion statement



The swankiest trial in the world begins in Milan. Designers Armani, Versace and Ferre face charges of bribing tax officials, but will judge Antonio di Pietro be wearing one of the defendants' creations?

Per ardua ad-verts Astronomical advertising costs

becomes a reality with the launch of Sweden's Maxus space rocket from Kiruna. The 13 ton rocket's flight will claim the first advert in space, not to mention \$1m. by bearing tha logo of People Cellular Computers. Will astronauts of tha future don multi-sponsored overalls in the Formula One tradi-

TOMORROW

Without art

The days when a good view and a paint brush were the basis of great art are long since over. With works that include Damlen Hirst's dissected cattle and the internal examinations of Mona Hatoum whose earlier work critic Brian Sewell described as "a shopping trolley contraption", the modern artist may list a diversity of skills from butcher to gynaecologist. The Turner Prize winner is chosen live on Channel 4's, Without Walls' (9pm). Bookmaker William Hill's latest odds are: Hirst 4-5, Hatoum 2-1 and Wallinger 7-2.

Look, sees Tha General Church of England meets at Church House, until Friday. It wiii discuss a controversial report on the

to reform the administration of the Church. The General Synod is the only body outside Parliament which can make English law, though Parliament must approve its efforts.

Mighty Moyet

if you haven't heard her live you haven't heard Alison Moyet. Her powerful voice crosses musical boundaries and with her greatest hits album showcasing her talents this brief tour should be a force to be reckoned with. Bournemouth international Centre 01202 297297.

WEDNESDAY 29

Exit Reg Best Soap Star ever, according to 'TV Times' readers, but, after six Holdsworth bows

out of 'Coronation Street', Actor Ken less keen to give up the limelight and commemorates his departure with "Knowledge is Power" (Blake, £14.99). It's his, "warts, verruces, bunions and all" autobiography.

Able and willing Council officials in Huddersfield will

be shadowed by disabled people who will report on what changes should be made to improve the facilities. All part of a week of events culminating in Sunday's International Day of the Disabled, sponsored by the United Nations. (Contact: 0171 834 0477) Events across the country including today's Positive Choices Conference in London, which alms to examine ways of improving care for disabled children and coincides with similar events in the Sudan, Barbados and even Chile.

Rod 'n' roll

Rod Stewart (Tues-Thurs, London Wernbley Arena, 0181-900 1234). One size down from his Wembley Stadium shows earlier this year but still in the round. Rod promises to deliver "all the hits plus songs not performed in over two decades" In that distinctive growl which has made his Tom Waits cover versions

THURSDAY 30

Chelle shock

Her days in 'EastEnders' playing Michelle - aka television's favourite single mother - are now behind her and actress Susan Tully is busy proving that there is life after pap. She opens in John Godber's The New Office Party for Hull Truck Theatre. 01482 323638

Take one Sir Georg Sotti conducts a starry line up in an evening devoted to his countryman. Bela Bartok.

Lazio Polgar and the marvellous Julia Varady sing his dramatic masterpiece 'Bluebeard's Castle' and Andras Schiff plays the second plano concerto. Barbican London, 0171 638 8891.



Après le déluge

The first cricket Test be South Africa and England, although a virtual washout, should have at least got rid of the recent English tradition of losing the first match of a series. Hostilibes recommence in Johannesburg Will Ray Illineworth trust Devon Mai colm? Will Mark Ramprakast make it as a Test batsman? Wil Michael Atherton (above) ever

FRIDAY 1

Woody wouldn't he?

Having decided that 'immortality in my work doesn't interest me ... i want immortality from not dying, Woody Allen is to be congratulated for his nartial success in turning 60. Whether or not God grants him 'One clear sign, like putting millions in a Swiss bank account for me', might depend on the success of his latest film, "Mighty Aphrodite", in which he directs co-star Helena



Sieazeball

Bonham Carter.

One of football's biggest scandals makes an action replay as Zimbabwe's national hero, Bruce Grobbetaar, makes yet another appearance in court on charges of alleged match-fixing along with the former Aston Villa striker John Fashanu and Wimbledon goal reeper Hans Segers

More ado from Ken Kenneth Branagh moves to calmer pastures with "In the Bleak Midwinter', After the monstrous distment of 'Frankenstein' and the luwledom of 'Peter's Friends' this is a modest comedy about a group of am-dram enthusiasts (including John Sessions, Joan Collins and Jennifer Saunders) staging a provincial

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Beatles for re-sale

Avid music fans will descend on Wembley Conference Centre (Saturday) for the London Rock and Pop Fair (Saturday 11 am, Sunday 10am £3). Besides The Beardes' 'I Want You', cut only a week before the band's split and which could go for £10,000, will be a collection that includes every British single released since 1968, including Agadoo.

Dee-lights

The British Comedy Awards will be shown live on ITV (Saturday 9pm) from London's South Bank, with appearances from Billy Connolly and Jack Dee. Guaranteeing a few extra leughs, if only for his My Little Pony hairstyla, is host Jonathan Ross.

Getting fizzical

Opening salvoes in the pre-Christmas high street champagne frenzy. Oddbins, Bottoms Up, Wine Cellar, Nicolas and Majestic all offer big savings. Tesco are slashing 27 per cent off a case of Charles Heidsieck, Victoria Wine 25 per cent off Lanson Brut Ros. Biggest pricecut to date is a swingeing 32 per cent off Bollinger 1988, decimated by £11 a bottle from £33.99 at Fullar's.

WIN

The Independent this week: AZTEC CAMERA REINVENTED: Cult band of the Eighties is back. WEARING THE TROUSERS: The suit as fashlonable as ever. TIMBERLAKE WERTENBAKER: New at the Royal Court this week: Julie Walters in Sister My Sister.

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Last week's loser Nicholas Soames MP who railled to the defence of Charles after Diana's Oscar-winning performance by suggesting she was paranold. If it goes on like this, the Queen of Hearts will have him beheaded

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Irish referendum: Wafer-thin majority leaves ministers open to attack by party angered at public funding for 'Yes' campaign

Catholics could challenge divorce decision

ALAN MURDOCH

Traditionalist Catholic campaigners will today consider Republic's 58-year-old ban on divorce by a wafer-thin margin of 0.55 per cent.

Ben Kinsella, vice-president of the fringe party Muintir na

day with other groups strongly opposed to the introduction of civil divorce.

The party's objections to the launching an Irish High Court result are based on the Gov challenge to the result of the erroment's use of public funds to referendum which ended the support its "Yes" campaign. This was ruled unconstitutional 10 days ago by the Supreme

Court. The principal Anti-Divorce of the fringe party Muintir na hEireann (People of Ireland's Party) said it was taking legal ad-en days after polling, after forvice on a court challenge, and mal publication of results marginally increased the "Yes"

would discuss this possibility to-day with other groups strongly fare minister Proinsias de Rossa insisted the Government had acted correctly given its under-standing of the law when the spending was committed, a de-cision earlier approved by a vote

> paigners maintained Government pro-divorce literature was being delivered to households even after this had been blocked by the Supreme Court ruling.

majority for limited no-fault divorce poll in 1986.

of the Dail. But some anti-divorce cam-A recount late on Saturday

vorce which was 9,114 votes out of 1.63 million. It represented a 15.01 per cent swing towards notably in Dublin and Cork, votthe "Yes" vote since the last di- ed strongly for divorce for the

The referendum revealed a country split down the middle. The greater Duhlin area, home to a third of the population, voted strongly in favour, narrowly cancelling out majorities against divorce in southern and western regions of Munster and Con-

Anti-divorce majorities in ately recognised the implica-

many rural areas were sharply lower than in 1986. In addition many urban working class areas,

Catholic Church influence and high rates of marital breakdown have been most obvious. National figures show births outside marriage have more than doubled in 10 years to just over 20 per cent.

The Government immedi-

tions of the division shown by tion, a move devised to win all-sympathetic attitude. One sethe result. The law reform min-party support for divorce. ister Mervyn Taylor said minisexposed by a rancorous cam- apart for four of five preceding gn: "I want to stress that this Government will support the family through mediation, counselling and welfare ser-

possible." Divorce itself will not become available in family law courts until next year. The specific terms approved by the referendum will be inserted in the constitu-

vices and legal aid in every way

Those seeking divorce must

existing "first family" dependents will be adequately provided for before a divorce may

be granted. For the Catholic Church the result means a substantial public rejection of its hitherto implacable opposition to divorce. The result may have been influenced by an apparently un-

nior bishop sparked public ters would move to heal wounds show they have been living and remarried people would not

Government relief was undisguised at a victory which had seemed unlikely a week ago. Ministers had repeatedly warned a "No" vote would send unhelpful signals to Ulster Unionists by implying an unwillingness to accommodate minorities at a highly sensitive moment in the peace process.

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Private cash lined up for further 25 new hospitals

There are now 25 potential deals each worth more than £25m under consideration for new hospitals as part of the Government's Private Finance

The Chancelior's expected announcement tomorrow of the first scheme could start the process which will lead to the private sector building hospitals worth approaching £1hn which it will lease back to the NHS.

The Leeds deal, struck with Medipark, a consortium whose members include Charterhouse Bank and the huilders, Laing, will include an 80-bed patient "hotel" of which 35 beds will initially be run as a private patient unit Medipark will pay St James's (known as Jimmy's) a royalty on the turnover.

Stephen Dorrell, the Secretary of State for Health, expects around one scheme a month to go through over the next year. The South Bucks scheme includes replacing Second World War hutted wards at Amersham

General Hospital, a scheme

likely to begin a £2bn NHS revolution, writes **Nicholas Timmins**

first promised by Enoch Powell when he was Minister of Health in 1963.

Mr Dorrell is expected to use that to back his claim that the private finance initiative means new NHS hospitals will no longer have to wait in the queue

for public sector capital.

Other projects nearing fruition include a £26m redevelopmeni at Bishop Auckland, Durham, a £50m rebuild at Swindon and Mariborough and a £45 project in Carlise. Further down the line are massive private sector projects aimed at London, including the rede-velopment of the Royal London following the closure of Bart's.

Mr Dorrell said last week that

in the "overwhelming majority" of cases, NHS trusts will con-

tinue to be the direct employ-

The deal at Jimmy's is er of clinical staff - a claim aimed at heading off Labour charges that the schemes will lead to NHS privatisation.

Labour will, however, find the schemes impossible to cancel, according to Kingsley Man-ning, managing director of Newchurch, a consultancy which holds a database on the schemes. Projects worth around £2bn could be in the pipeline by the general election. "If Labour does cancel them, it will cither have to find £2bn of capital from taxation to replace them, or it will have to tell 40 or so local communities that they are not going to get the new hospital". Some critics of the initiative,

however, say it could lead to a public spending crisis. Nicholas Bosanquet, Professor of Health Policy at Imperial College, London, said growing use of com-mercial capital is creating a new breed of "private sector rent-seekers", such as banks which will drive up public capital they have invested.



Military gasbeg: A 40ft inflatable soldier in a Christmas

Murder suspect chokes to death in cell

killed her husband after discovering that he was having an affair has been found dead in

her prison cell. Claire Bosley, 34, who appears to have choked herself by forcing tissues down her throat, died at Holloway prison, north London, hours after appearing in court charged with the mur-

arrested on Thursday at her par-

ents' home in Thatcham, Berk-

shire, after the body of her 42year-old husband was found stabbed to death at their home in Tadley, Hampshire.

Last night, the couple's eightyear-old son. Thomas, was being comforted by relatives. A police source revealed that Mrs Bosley was furious after finding out that her husband der of her husband, Barry. Mrs Bosley, a secretary, was

who had survived two kidney transplants seven years ago had been having an affair.

She appeared before Alder-

shot magistrates on Saturday

charged with mutder and was due to appear again before Basingstoke magistrates on 4 December. But later in the day she was found dead in her cell. A spokesman for Hampshire

police said: "We are not seeking anyone else in connection with Mr Bosley's murder." A spokesman for Scotland Yard said a post-mortem examination on Mrs Bosley's body would take place at City of Lon-

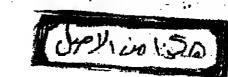
don mortuary today. Neighbour of the couple in Tadley expressed concern for the future of Thomas. Pearl Loosen, 49, said: "I'm devastated for the little lad. At his age you know exactly what is happening and he may never come

A friend of the family, who did not wish to be named, said: "The little boy will never get over this." While a neighbour, who wished to remain anonymous, said: "You feel so sorry for the little boy. How is the poor little

school? My heart goes out to him and to the grandparents. This is such a shock and so sad."

Prayers were offered for Mr Bosley at the local parish church, St Paul's, yesterday - hefore news of his wife's death emerged.

The Rev Martin Nockels said: "We remembered the family and the staff and pupils at Bishopswood Junior School which the boy attends. The whole community is saddened lad going to face his friends at by this tragedy."



Disgraced vicar quits over sex scandal

JOHN MCKIE

Disgraced church minister Chris Brain last night admitted "improper sexual conduct with a number of women" and re-vealed he had resigned as a Church of England priest.

Three months ago the former Anglican vicar, who led a "ravestyle" Nine O'Clock Service in Sheffield, was accused of a sex scandai involving women in his

congregation.
On last night's BBCI Every-man programme, Mr Brain and female NOS members gave their first interviews about the controversial Sunday services, which bred a band of mainly nng devotees.

In the programme, Mr Brain offered to resign as a priest, a decision he confirmed with a letter to the diocese of Sheffield

on Saturday. Mr Brain said: "For a priest in a church setting. I would have to say that I was involved in improper sexual conduct. I did get gratification. The gratification was after was not sexual, although there was sexual gratification ... I would not use somebody. It was in the area of just closeness and affection and friendship."

Mr Brain conceded that the sexual activity had developed "after a long period of developing a close relationship with

that person". One such woman said last night that Mr Brain told her that "he would teach me to discover my potential as a woman. It escalated from something l found acceptable to something I find unbelievable now. It has cost me dearly. I feel in some way he owned my body and I was his to do what he wanted

with, and that disgusts me".
One of the female NOS leaders said of Mr Brain: "He would regularly talk about how we

definition of sexuality in the Church, Again, it's language, language covering up the fact of what was really going on - nne bloke getting his rocks off with about 40 women.

"Abuse - religious, sexual, psychological abuse had gone on in the Nine O' Clock Service

for years," she said. It was not just Mr Brain who was under attack yesterday. One woman on the documentary claimed that she had complained in the Bishop of Sheffield in November 1992.

Roy Arnold, spokesman for the diocese, dismissed this al-legation last night. "Her complaints were of a general nature. As soon as we heard serious complaints in the summer of this year, we investigated them straightaway and hiew the whistie nn Mr Brain."

The Church was also criti-cised on BBC Radio Four's Sunday programme by Mr Brain's lawyer, Stewart Lale, for abandoning his client. "I think he feels totally unsupported in any way, shape or form by the Church," he said.

Mr Arnold defended the Church. "We have been too husy dealing with the victims," he said. "And there are more obvious victims than Chris Brain." The Church also criticised the

BBC for overstating its problems. The Rt Rev David Lunn, Bishop of Sheffield, said: "I still find it difficult to understand why the BBC and the media in general have managed to convince themselves that the problems of a single congregation in a single diocese have represented a management crisis of mega-proportions for the Church of England."

John Drury, the BBC's head of factual programmes (reli-gion), said. There are clergy interviewed in the programme who share our view that this is were discovering a post-modern a matter of serious concern."



Time's up: Chris Brain, who admitted having sex with women members of his Nine O'Clock Service congregation

'All heaven and hell were let loose'

conceived in an outbreak of screaming and fainting under the stage at an evangelical meeting in Sheffield in 1985. The star of the meeting was the American John Wimber, once a drummer with the Righteous Brothers, now a successful evangelist whose church, the Vineyard Fellowship, has since been responsible for the "Toronto Blessing", which causes people to crawl around church floors barking or giggling uncontrollably.

Canon Robert Warren, now the Church of England's officer for evangelism, but then vicar prophesying through their tears.

The Nine O'Clock Service was of St Thomas's, Crookes, South Yorkshire, where the Nine O'Clock Service started, described what heppened in a book published before the scandal broke. "I found myself in the midst of a group of black-clad young people. A young Vineyard pastor from inner-city Chicago ... asked the Holy Spirit to come; and he came in incredible power. When the Spirit came, all heaven, and, yes, all hell, were let loose. Some were screaming in emotional release, at least one demonised person was set free, others were weeping for the pain of the city, and

Many were being knocked to part of a community around the floor under the power of the Tense, the rock band that Chris Spirit. Bodies were falling all around me.

"In one of those rare moments that I know God has spoken to me, the thought 'God wants to add one or two hundred young people like this to the church in the near future' was in my head without my having put it there," Canon War-

He also says he felt so ill-atease outside the churchy world that even entering a betting shop had rendered him almost speechless with embarrassment. confidence to trust that he was The young people then were at work in them. Barriers fell

Brain managed. "They too were going through a time of spiritual darkness and distance from God; and a time of leadership struggle." Relations with the rest of the congregation were fraught. But following the Wimber revival meetings "the change in them was evident, and they seemed to move into the new realm of God's action with greater ease and speed than the rest of us ... God dealt quickly with my fears and suspicions of them as a group and gave me

no idea what would be opened up as a result. We were very soon to find out".

The group was invited to arrange services in St Thomas's at 9pm, hence the name. Only when Mr Brain adopted the "Creation Theology" of the American former Dominican, Matthew Fox, did the abuse begin, according to evangelical observers. However, the diocesan investigators unravelling the scandal have discovered that Mr Brain had been abusing his followers even earlier, when God told Canon Warren that this was the future of the church.

IN BRIEF

Epidemic fear as flu cases surge

A spate of flu cases has fuelled fears that Britain may be on the brink of a Christmas epidemic,

it was revealed yesterday. Docturs in central England ave reported two and a half times the number of expected cases. Figures from 92 nation-"spotter practices" suggest

The Royal College of General Practitioners says the out-hreak has hit 90 per 100,000 population, up 30 on the week before. Similar figures this week will confirm an epidemic.

Post strike ends

Postal workers across Scotland returned in work in start clearing a backlog of 12 million items of mail after accepting a review of delivery services fullowing a week long strike over threats in end a second post.

Briton murdered

The partly-clothed body of a murdered woman found in a ravine near Estepona, Spain, was identified as Susan Kendrick, 32, a musician from Oxfordshire who went missing in April after living for a year on the Cost del Sol.

Toxic leak alert

Ammonia leaking from a cooling system at Inverness Ice Centre was blamed for 21 chil-dren and three adults needing treatment for the effects of toxic fumes after suffering breathing problems during a junior hockey match.

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Cereal farmers hit jackpot in land price boom

NICHOLAS SCHOON Environment Correspondent

While the housing market re-mains moribund, farmland prices have risen by 20 per

cent or more in the past year. Rental payments for agri-cultural land have doubled under oew tenancy laws, which the Government has just implemented, says the Royal Institution of Chartered

Meanwhile, many British farmers - and the majority of cereal growers - have seed their incomes soar over the past three years as agriculture has boomed following more than a decade of painful decline.

Wheo the Ministry of Agri-culture's latest income statistics are published in January they are expected to show another handsome increase of several times the rate of inflation.

Few are boasting of their good fortune. One who does is Oliver Walston, who has coodemned the huge taxpayer and consumer support for Europe's farmers under the Commoo Agricultural Policy. Other farmers have seot him hate mail.

"It's a crazy system," he said this weekend. "The cheque I will soon receive just for having planted the crop will be 25 per ceot bigger this year, while the wheat I sell is fetching a 20 per ceot higher price. Whoopee -I've hit the jackpot."

point out that not all farmers are enjoying such prosperity. Hill farmers and the pig and poul-try sector have suffered of late.

The CAP was reformed three years ago to bring Europe's cereal prices, grossly inflated by tariff barriers and guaranteed minimum prices, in line with world prices. The guaranteed floor price is being steadily cut over a six-year period, but to cushion the blow farmers are paid a fixed yearly sum for each acre - irrespective of how much they produce.

There is one condition at-

rope's medium to large farmers (which covers virtually all of Britain's) have to take some of their arable land out of production in order to curb the ootorious crop surpluses. Initially this was 15 per cent, but

it has been cut to 10 per cent. But since this great reform, world grain prices have risen dramatically and oow stand at around £130 a tonne.

Meanwhile, Europe's farmers continue to receive their fixed acreage payments while winning a higher and higher price for their harvests. Britain's have fared particularly well because of the big devaluation of the pound which accompanied Britain's exit from the European Exchange Rate Mechanism

Mr Walston's view, shared by the Ministry of Agriculture and eovironmental groups, is that farmers should sell their crops at prevailing world market prices while compensation paymeots should end.

Instead, support from taxpayers should be strictly linked to farmers doing things that society wants - looking after and improving the rural environmeot or encouraging wildlife.

The National Farmers' Union agrees that UK farming has become much more profitable but adds that in a highly cyclical business, the present tached to this largesse; Eugond fortuoe is unlikely to last.

British diplomat shot in Kenya

shot and wounded during a high-speed car chase as he tried to escape a gang of car thieves.

A spokeswoman for the British High Commissioo in Keoya confirmed that Graeme Gibson, 43, who is Second Secretary (Commercial), had been seriously wounded in a shooting iocideot.

According to reports, Mr Gibson was attacked on the outskints of the capital, Hemobi, as he drove home in his Land Rover Discovery at about 8.30pm on Friday night.

A gang in a stolen Peugeot car tried to run him off the road but after a long high-speed chase they shot him several times, said the Sunday Nation

oewspaper.
Mr Gibsoo was wounded in the neck and lost cootrol of his car which crashed into a gate. He was taken to The Nairobi Hospital's intensive care unit. The gang made their getaway after hijacking another car, said police.

Mr Gibson, 43, has worked in Nairobi in the Commissioo's commercial department since November, promoting trading links with Britain.

He joined the Foreign Office

A British diplomat in Kenya was in 1971 and has also served in several other African and European countries. He became a second secretary, a middleranking diplomatic position, in

> The shooting was the second assault on a diplomat in Kenya's capital this mooth. India's ambassador and his wife were hospitalised with serious injuries early this month after they were attacked at their home in the exglust a Muthaiga saburb, when most diplomats and wealthy businessmen live.

Kenya's Foreign Minister, Kalonzo Musyoka, said last week that the government planned to provide police protection to the homes of diplomats, but gave oo details.

Simoo Hemans, British High Commissioner, said Mr Gibson, who was driving home from a commercial reception, took a circuitous route to see whether he was really being followed.

"They suddenly overtook him, pulled in front of him, one man leapt out and fired straight at him. Theo the car sped off, and he was left wounded in his car," he told Independent Radio News. Discovery cars were a popular target of armed hi-jackers at the moment, he said.

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By Carol Ann Duffy

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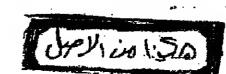
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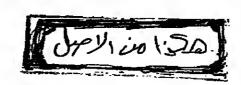


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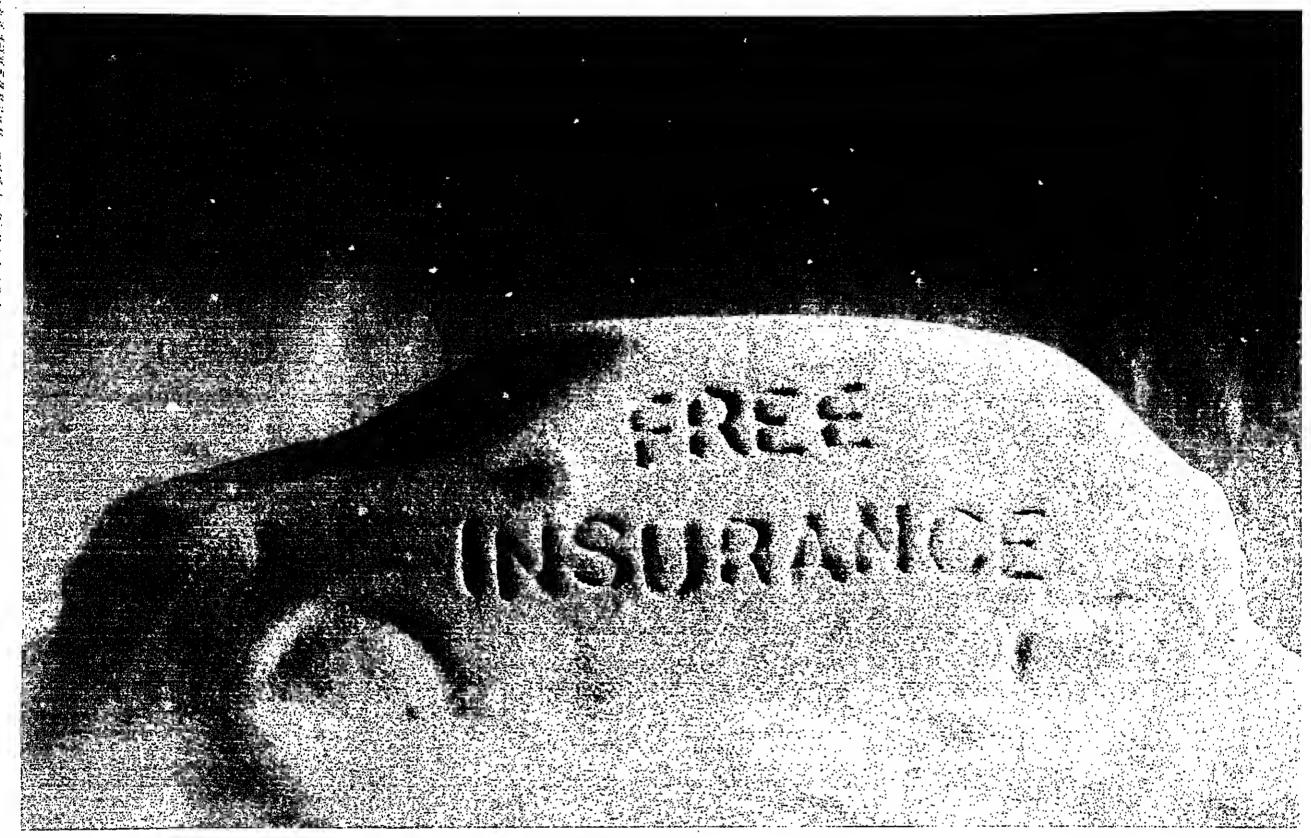
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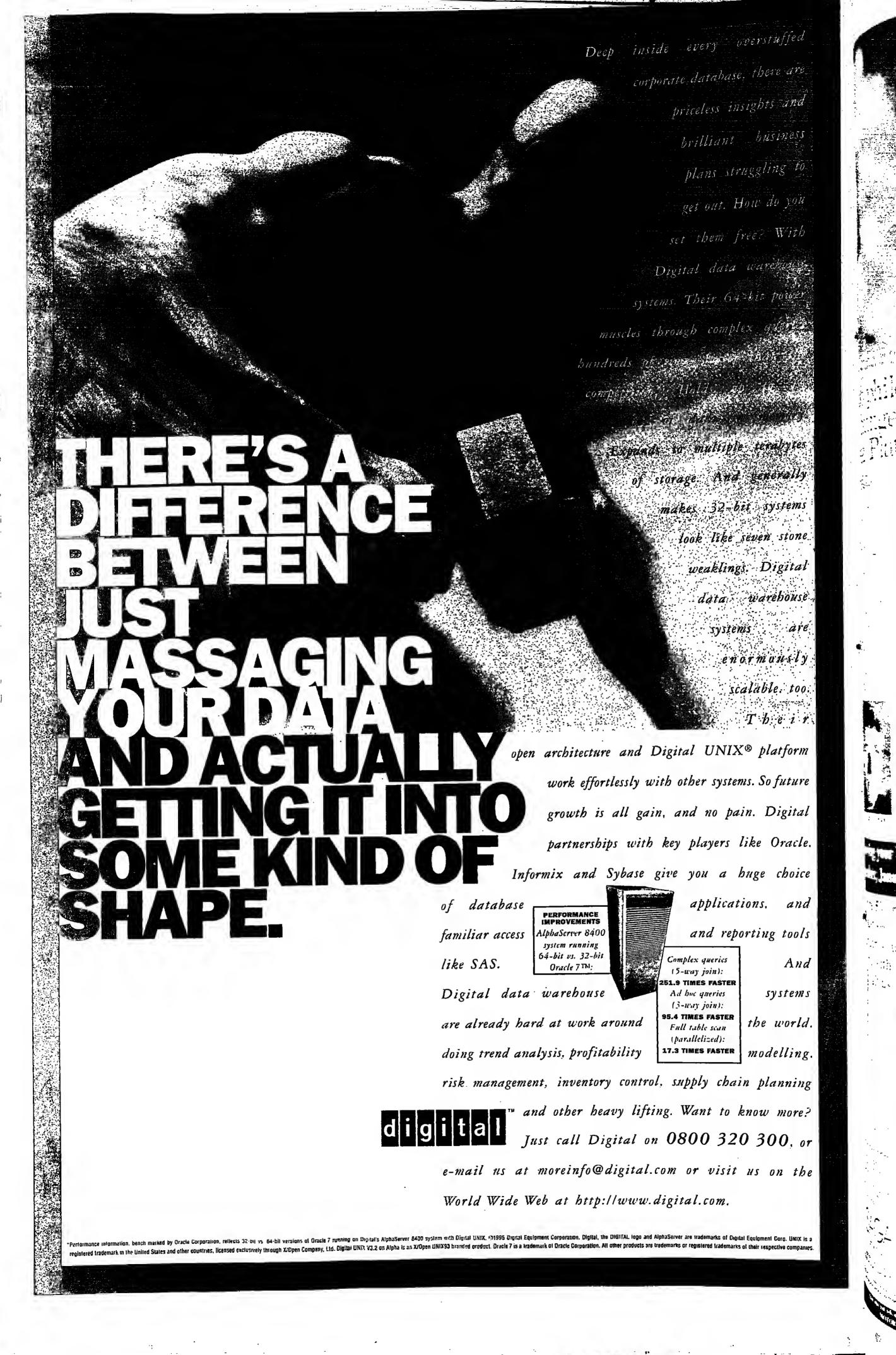
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'Pub philosopher' on hunger strike over Plato clash

JAMES CUSICK and JEFFREY GETTLEMAN

Down the pub in Oxford, the town of dreaming spires, dons and punts, the usual incbriate debates over who is the greatest footballer ever - Cantona or Best - have been displaced by talk of Greek philosophy.

The Phaedrus, sounding like a weapoo from Star Trek, but in fact one of Plato's philosophical dialogues, has provoked the former Czech dissident and unofficial pub philosopher, Julius Tomin, to go on hunger strike.

Mr Tomin, famous in the late Eighties for delivering a series of lectures on philosophy in a pub in Swindon, has resorted to a hunger protest over the university authority's failure to recognise his genius.

While still a fashionable pettifog in the former Czechoslovakia, Oxbridge thinkers beat a



thony Kenny, the former mas-ter of Balliol, was detained by the Czech authorities for participating in one of the cerebral at-hnmes organised by Tomin, who holds a doctorate in philosophy from Charles University, Prague. But Tomin is no longer courted by the Oxbridge establishment.

Resting his beloved tattered copy of the Republic on his lap, Mr Tomin drank a glass of salt-ed water and proclaimed: "This is definitely the cheapest way to build self-discipline," The hunger strike is scheduled for seven days, and is to be repeated if necessary. The protest centres on the Czech's analysis that the Phaedrus is not - as Oxford have taught for the last 200 years - a later work of the Greek thinker but is in fact one of his earliest works. "The university are scared to let me present my

analysis," he said. The accusation is rejected by Kathy Wilkes, a philosophy tu-tor at St Hilda's College, Oxford. She knows Mr Tomin from his secret seminar days in Prague and now believes the dissident misses the old days of state per-secutioo. "He can't properly

function here," she said. Currently surviving on £51.08 social security, the unemployed dissident is determined to prolong his struggle. "Next year's strike is going to be even longer," he said. The things people will do to avoid making a decision over Best or Cantona.

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Peace in Bosnia: Muslim family's horrific flight from fallen enclave shows why Dayton deal's promises can never be fulfilled



Cold comfort for a Srebrenica survivor

EMMA DALY

Besir Johic is one of the very few Bosnian Muslims forced to flee the advancing rebel Serb army who has had the opportunity to re-visit the home to which, in theory, be can return under the Dayton peace deal. It was not

a happy experience.
"The whole place bad changed so much. I tried to find our two houses, and they just weren't there any more. There were shells and mines instead."

Mr Johic is also one of the

crossed the front line 10 days ago with seven comrades, iniding his brother Omer, after four months spent in enemy territory following the exodus from the fallen enclave of

and his mother for the first time since he fled the Serb assault on Srebrenica.

The Johic family lived in Cerska, a small town in eastern Bosnia that fell to the Serbs in January 1993. As has become the custom among Bosnians fleeing for their lives, the family split up: Mr Johic, his wife, mother and brothers walked south to Srebrenica, Asmir and other relatives slogged through the mountains north to Tuzla.

The child was almost frozen because it was winter - my sister-in-law had to drag him along," Mr Johic said. The boy, slight and quiet, obviously inherited the genes that enabled his father to survive for 13I days

Srebrenica in July. Yesterday he saw his 13-year-old son, Asmir, for the first time in three years, and his rest time in three years, and his rest time in three years, where the eight men found shelter in an abandoned mill, and foraging for food by night.
"I didn't believe I would ever

see my son and mother again-it was so painful for me. My mother didn't cry, but I did. Mr Johic said. "But of course I was thrilled, it was super. Beside him sat Mrs Johic, tiny and wrinkled, her head swathed

in a scari.

"I had three sons — one is dead," she said. "I was so happy, I didn't believe I would ever see my sons again. I was bold-ing back my tears. I was strong, but inside I felt my beart would

explode. My son Ragib died ..."
The three brothers set off from Srebrenica together, joinfrom Srebrenica together, Joh-ing a column striking out through mountains and forests for safety in government-held territory. It was shelled by Serb forces and shattered. Ragib was wounded. His brothers listened helplessly as he died at the

Serbs' hands.

As Mr Johie recounted the borrifying tale of his long march, Ragib's widow sat at the back of the room, weeping silently over her baby daughter, Belma. A Srebrenica household is always filled with women: so few of their menfolk survived the Serb onslaught in July. Aziza Hasic, a perfect grand-mother, with apple cheeks and a jolly smile, has opened ber house, in a small village near the front-line town of Gracanica, to the Johic family.

"Of course we are very hap-py [with the Dayton deal]. We nave not left our bouses during the war and we want to stay here," she said. "If the Johics can go bome, they will. But if they can't, then they can stay here." But it is not so simple. Old Mrs Johic has lived at a

school in the village since her arrival from Srebrenica in July, and she wants a home of her own. It is an impossible request in Tuzla, where of the 700,000 people living in the region, 235,000 are refugees. There is

Fears over CHILDREN Serbia's poison gas factories

CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY Defence Correspondent

Serbia still has factories able to manufacture chemical weapons, including nerve gas - a potentially devastating threat to peace in the region, a television investigation has revealed.

Tonight's World in Action programme on ITV includes film of the nerve-gas plants which can make Sarin, a deadly nerve agent. A visit to an old chemical factory, now deserted, north of Mostar, in Bosnia, proved that the former Yugoslavia made Sarin, while interviews with former workers indicate the existence of factories in Serbia which can still make the agent.

Major David Craig, chemical weapons adviser to the British Force Commander in the Gulf war, Sir Peter de la Billière, travelled with the television team to the abandoned factory between Muslim and Serb lines north of Mostar. They took samples that were analysed by the Swedish National Defence Establisbment, which confirmed that Sarin was made there. Major Craig told World in Ac-

tion: "What you have discovered is that Yugoslavia was producing weapons of mass destruction and that Serbia still has the capability to do so." The programme also inter-viewed former workers in

chemical factories and obtained Yugoslav army documents and manuals which detail Serbia's ahility to fight a chemical war. The Yugoslav chemical

weapons programme was linked with Iraq on the development of the M-87 Orkan multiple rocket launcher, which was used by rebel Serbs in Croatia's Krajina region to fire rockets at Zagreb, the Croatian capital. A former Yugoslav presi-

dent, Stipe Mesic, a Croat, described how he made a secret trip to the United States to brief the Pentagon on Yugoslavia's co-operation with Saddam Hussein. Although he was head of state, he had to keep his mission secret from the Yugoslav army. and used a private trip to Austria to board a US aircraft for Washington. Mr Mesic says a full dossier of documents on the Yugoslav chemical arsenal was handed over to the Pentagon.

But how is the family to return to Cerska, which is to stay turn to Cerska, which is to stay under Serb control? "Never", said Refija, Mr Johic's wife. "They killed my son; I could never live there," added Mrs Johic. Her son, who screamed in pain as he stripped away the clothes that had rotted on to his this draing the three months he skin during the three months he wore them, was more circum-spect. "I would return to my

Karadzic threat

Pale (AP) — Bosnian Serb leaders demanded international protection for Serb-held parts of Sarajevo, saying fail-ure to address their concerns could undermine the peace

Serbs demonstrated for the third day in parts of the capital they hold against the Dayton agreement, which foresees a unified Sarajevo under government control. Serb leaders grudgingly ac-cepted the deal but face opposition from Sarajevo Serbs who fear for their future if their districts revert to government control. "A new solution for Sarajevo must be found, Radovan Karadzic said after meeting representatives from the Serb-held districts. In the meantime, he said, Serbs would not withdraw their troops, as foreseen under the Dayton accord.

The US Assistant Secretary of State, Richard Holbrooke, chief negotiator at the peace talks, ruled out any changes to the plan, to be signed in Paris later this month. . . .

of work to be done to repair it." he said. But could he live under Serb rule? I don't know. It would be very difficult, because not only my brother was killed. Many others were, too."
The return of refugees is vi-

tal if Bosnia is to survive in a meaningful way. But it is also unimaginable. Buildings can be restored but the Nato troops dispatched to enforce the peace cannot repair lives ripped apart by years of warfare.



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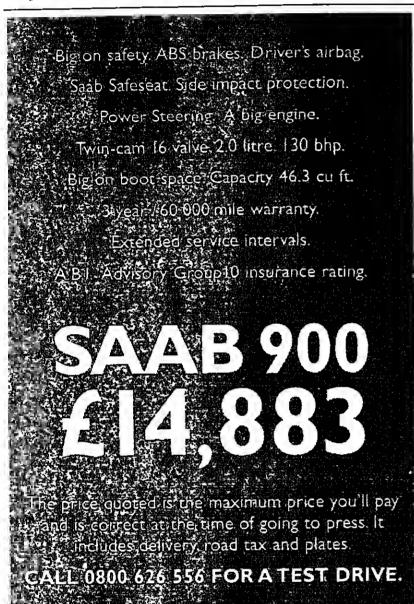
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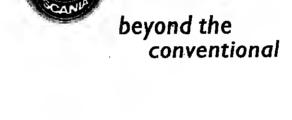
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Bonn heads for rough ride over EMU fines plan

SARAH HELM

Germany's latest ettempt to lay down the law over how the igle currency will operate, including a plan for heavy fines on countries which fail to obey the rules, is likely to meet a cool response when it is discussed for the first time by finance minis-

Bonn's idea for a "stability pact" between states is intended to protect the single currency from inflationary pressure after the launch, planned for January 1999. Most countries accept the idea of such a pact but some of them fear the rules being proposed may be too strict for them to keep. Were Britain to join the single currency and theo fail Germany's stability-pact rules, for example, it could be fined about £1.5bn.

The issue is likely to dominate today's meeting in Brussels, which is supposed to take crucial decisions on single currency planning ahead of the Madrid summit next month. A dispute could raise new questions about whether the 1999

The key element of the is deliberately pressing for stability pact is a proposal to levy unacceptably tough conditions fines on countries which allow to delay monetary union, or their budget deficits to exceed 3 per cent of gross domestic product. For every percentage point over the limit, e member would be fined 0.25 per cent of its GDP. The fine would be returned if the

deficit fell to 3 per cent or below within two years. If the country failed to meet the target again, it would lose the money, which would be go to the EU budget. Member states are trying to maintain solidarity over the single currency in the run up to the Madrid summit, but France and Ireland have already sig-

nalled doubts about some elements of the pact and Italy has been unenthusiastic. Germany is being privately criticised for pushing rules beyond those envisaged in the Maastricht treaty. The European Commission has welcomed the principle of the pact, but has been pointedly silent about the proposed lev-

el of the fines, saying only that the penalties should be "ap-

propriate", as envisaged under

to delay monetary union, or torpedo it altogether.

It is more likely that Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, has calculated he must impose stringent rules on his partners to convince the German public that the single currency will be as strong as the mark. German public opinion bas become increasingly nervous about the dangers of an unpredictable monetary union.

Several important questions have to be settled by finance ministers before the Madrid summit, including agreement on the timetable for the run-up to the 1999 launch, when excha rates will be locked, and the schedule for introducing notes and coins three years later.

The issue they will not wish to talk about today is what to call the currency. Governments are committed to deciding a name in Madrid. In September, it seemed that it had been settled in favour of the "Euro", Germany having refused to accept the original idea of Ecu. However, an opinion poil Maastricht. Some observers last week showed German vothave speculated that Germany ers preferred the Ecu after all.



designs by Michelangelo, its facade had been eroded by weather and pollution over the centuries

Kohl battles to curb mounting panic about loss of the mark

SARAH HELM

On the noticeboard of the Finance Ministry in Bonn the posters display a confident message: "The single currency: as stroog as the mark." Inside, however, confidence that the single currency will indeed be as strong as the mark is ebbing

The German political élite is bracing itself for the real possibility that the 1999 launch date may have to be delayed. Fears that France will oot be ready cootinue to mouot. Even if the target can be met, Germany is beginning to ask: "What about the day after?" Will the single currency sink under a flood of subsumed in a single currency to inflationary pressures?

Meanwhile, the insecurity of the German people about the loss of the German mark shows little sign of abating. Germany is to launch a big publicity campaign in the new year to convince the public, but many

fear it may be too little, too late. Chancellor Helmut Kohl refuses to concede publicly that the 1999 start date can be postmomentum among other states. Delay would be a devastating blow to his faith in the absolute oeed for greater European integration. While the German people fear the loss of the mark, symbol of their post-war success, the Chancellor feels it must be prevent history repeating itself. states would recede.

Monetary union: Campaign to woo public may be too late

He believes an ever-stronger mark would intimidate neighbouring states, causing them to unite against his country. Although some in Germany

claim that a delay would not be disastrous, and that economic mooetary union (EMU) would poned, for fear of reducing the be back on the table in a few years, most European leaders know that postponing the single currency would raise fundamental questions about the whole future of the union. The case for greater political integration would be undermined. and the prospect of enlarging Europe to include new member

public rhetoric about meeting the 1999 target and the private essments of German officials is startling. In a series of discussions with the Independent, senior German officials and analysts spoke frankly of their doubts. One senior official in Bonn put the chances of launching EMU in 1999 at "fiftyfifty". Another said a delay of two or three years should be considered. A third said there was "still a chance" the target could be achieved, but it was slim. Some believe Mr Kohl may be forced to ask for a postponement as early as the second

The gap between Germany's half of next year, when Prance's progress on meeting the economic tests can be gauged.

Jacques Chirac, the French President, has shown he is ready to take tough measures to bring down the budget deficit to meet the ceiling of 3 per cent of gross domestic product set for those wishing to join EMU. But as they watched last week's French strikes in protest against Mr Chirac's cuts, officials in Bonn had little faith Paris will succeed. "There is no leeway", one said.
"It all depends oo France. If France meets the test we will start. If it does not, it will not be worthwhile."

The German government hopes to reassure the public through proposals from Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, for a "stability pact" to bind EMU member states to strict ecocomic rules. But Booo knows it cannot insure itself against political decisions taken by individual members in the

some countries could cause. "We want precautions to prevent this. But of course there is no absolute guarantee that the single currency will be as strong as the mark," a senior finance official said.

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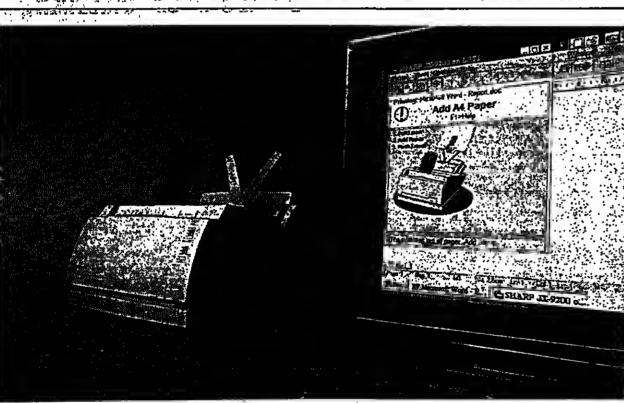
Mr Kohl had hoped that Europe would move towards a federal-style political union in parallel with monetary union, giving Germans more guarantees of European co-operation and stability. But progress on political union is logiammed. The German public, meanwhile, is calling for every guarantee that it can

Discussion about the single currency has suddenly burst future, or against the inflatiooonto the streets, revealing deep fears and confusion. People are asking what will happen to their savings and their pensions.

They are very confused. They don't even have a name for the currency," Martin Suskind, of the oewspaper, Süddeutsche Zeitung, said.

Some analysts believe Mr Kohl may have resisted launching a public debate sooner. precisely because he feared it might reveal a groundswell of Euro-scepticism in Germany. He is widely expected to stand again in Germany's elections in 1998, when he would like to campaign as the unifier of Europe. But if the voters are still against the single currency when the campaign starts, he

may have to heed their fears. "Kohl's nightmare is that circumstances develop where he has no power to convince his own people of the necessity of the single currency or the union," Mr Suskind said. "Then the experiment would be on the edge of failing."



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Princess finds a Welsh welcome in Patagonia ins finan, Argentina was like a little corner of tes, a lasts green costs armide

It was like a little corner of Wales, a lush green oasis amidst the barren wastes of windswept Patagonia, and the harmonic strains of the Welsh national anthem drifted through the pines. There was no international rugby match, just a small hut tuneful welcoming choir for the visiting Princess of Wales.

Some local Argentine offi-cials sang along. Even a few homesick Welsh reporters and photographers mouthed the words. But the royal lips re-

mained firmly shut.
"I don't think she speaks
Welsh. I wonder if she's having it taught to William and Harry," Luned Roberts de Gonzalez, a local Weish teacher and member of the choir, said with a mis-chievous twinkle in her eye. "She could send them here to tearn." Asked for her opinion of the Princess of Wales, the eyes twinkled again as she drew her fingers across her lips as though closing a zip.
On normal days, when there

are no princesses around, Mrs Roberts's face is the best-known in Gaiman, a small town founded by hardy Welsh nationalists who fled cultural persecution 130 years ago. Her great-grandfather was the first to arrive on the Atlantic seaboard of Patagonia in 1863, in an advance party seeking a home as far as possible from the English usurpers.

It was the first settlement in Patagonia. There was nothing here but flat, dusty brushland. and the native Tehuelche Indians were initially hostile. Things



Celtic outpost: The Princess of Wales shaking hands with well-wishers when she visited the Welsh community in Galman at the weekend

picked up after a woman, Rachet Jenkins, noticed a slight slope in the Chubut river, and the settlers dug irrigation canals that eventually turned the valley into the fertite strip it is today. The inhahitants are now shepherds, fruit and vegetable

farmers and, increasingly, pro-fessionals as other Argentines have ventured south to create a community of small husinesses and industries.

The Welsh settlers are well and truly Argentines now, al-though they speak Spanish with quite gushing, welcome to their

a lilting Welsh accent, and have hardly changed their attitude to the British monarchy. But they showed a fine blend of Welsh manners and dignity at the weekend as they gave the

little community more than ards saying "The Malvinas 1,000 miles south of Buenos [Falklands] are Argentine." Aires and a little further from the Falkland Islands.

The only protest to greet the Princess was a silent one by

No one was quite sure why the Princess had come. They preferred to play down her tithe and pretend she was just an-other tourist. "At least she's houses are world-renowned for a dozen women, not from the other tourist. "At least she's houses are world-renowned for Weish community, holding place putting us on the map," said 73- their variety of fresh cakes, and in London early today.

year-old Orwig Griffiths, who joined Diana for tea and cakes in a typically Welsh tea house called Ty Te Caerdydd. Well, at least for half a cup of tea and no cake. Although the Welsh tea

Tegai, runs a Welsh immigram museum in what used to be the Gaiman railway station, when the Princess expressed particular lar interest on Sunday in 19th-century Welsh moustach cup. Mrs Roberts herself run the little Camwy school, which has helped stage a revival of the Welsh language so that the cul-tural identity of the 1,000 or so descendants of the settlers does not evaporate.

Although they have kept their traditions — choirs, among eisteddfods, their own church es and afternoon tea — only 200 people still speak Welsh in the town. With the help of Gwilyn Roberts, a retired teacher from Cardiff who moved here to give free Welsh classes, many more have begun learning.

Pointing to their Welsh culture and Argentine nationality, Mrs Roberts said there could be a les-son for Falkland islanders. "They were getting along quite well with Argentina before the conflict." she said. Perhaps the life of the Welsh community here could serve as an example for a peace ful solution. Perhaps, if there's something going on behind the scenes, that's why the visit was

organised."
The Princess of Wales yesterday visited the Casa de Vida (House of Life) in Buenos Aires, a centre which uses psychotherapy to treat drug addicts and encourages them to learn useful skills. She was due back

Persons. Woiciech Jaruzelski

History comes full circle for Walesa's old sparring partner

With the obvious exception of Aleksander Kwasniewski, there was probably nobody in Poland who replaced Gen Jaruzelski as sports the dark glasses that made him such a distinctive Cold War leader, did not want was probably nobody in Poland who enjoyed last week's presidential election more than General Wojciech Jaruzelski, the country's last Communist leader. Mr Kwasniewski was one of the bright young hopefuls whose first taste of power-as youth and sports minister came during the latter years of Gen Jaruzelski's rule.

His dramatic success was made all the swecter by the fact that the man he defcated in the election was Lech Walesa, the former leader of the Solidarity movement which toppled Communism in Poland and the man

though history had come full cir-cle. After humiliating defeats at the hands of Mr Walesa, the general had the satisfaction of seeing his old adversary getting a feeling of defeat on the othhis come-uppance. And for all Mr Kwasniewski's

claims to be a fully reformed Western-style social democrat, his victory marked the almost total rehabilitation of Poland's former Communists who, having won the largest number of seats in parliamentary elections in 1993, had now captured the presidency.

Gen Jaruzelski, who still

to crow. "There is now a chance for real understanding," he told Gazeta Wyborcza. "But instead of triumphalism on one side and er, there must be a prevailing

sense that democracy won."

Gen Jaruzelski giving lectures on democracy? Was this the man who devoted almost all his career to defending a system of one-party rule? Was this the man who was defence minister in 1970 when troops fired on food-price rioters, and who, 11 years later, imposed martial law to crush Solidarity?

Poles, it simply rubbed salt in what were already very sore wounds and intensified the feeling that the old guard, having never properly been made to pay for the past, was now back

certainly Gen Jaruzelski, now 71, has not yet been brought to book over his past. Since losing power, he has found himself the subject of numerous investigations concerning the 1970 killings, the imposition of martial law and the strange disappearance of thousands of Central Committee files. None of these investigations, however, has led to a

ever doing so under a President Kwasniewski are considered

Apart from occasional ap-pearances before investigating tribunals. Gen Jaruzelski has sought a low profile over the past five years, and spent much of his early retirement ensconced in his modest Warsaw villa writing his memoirs.

In his hook, Why Martial Law?, he argued that in December 1981, in the grip of an economic crisis and a Solidarity-inspired strike wave, Poland was close to being invaded by the Soviet Union. His declaration of martial brw, under which

prisoned or placed under house arrest, was the "lesser of two evils", he argued. And although he regretted (and apologised for) the suffering and deaths caused, he insisted that it could have been much worse.

A lot of Gen Jaruzelski's countrymen agree with him. Rather than reviling him, many see him as something of a national hero. When Why Martial Law? was published in 1993, it quickly became a best-seller and the general's popularity ratings soared.

In addition to pre-empting a possible Soviet invasion in 1981,

thousands of Solidarity activists, including Mr Walesa, were imall although he fought hard to maintain Communist Party rule, Gen Jaruzelski was able to recognise the end when it came, In early 1989, he went against many of the hardliners within his party to press for landmark round-table talks with Solidarity aimed at devising some form of power-sharing. In the partially free parliamentary elec-tions of that year, Solidaria romped to victory, and within three months Poland had the first non-Communist govern-ment to be formed in Eastern Europe for over 40 years.

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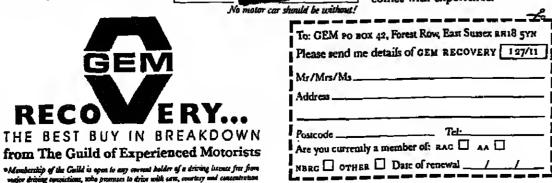
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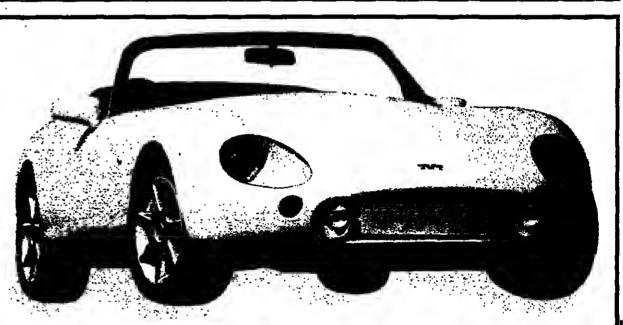
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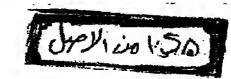
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Mandela guns for Nigerian dictator

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The extent to which President Nelson Mandela has dedicated himself to bringing down Nigeria's military ruler. General Sani Abacha, was made clear yesterday in two short sentences. "Abacha is sitting on a volcano," the President told Johannesburg's Sunday Independent. "And I am going to ex-plode it underneath him."

The interview, also broadcast on the BBC World Service, was the latest sign that Mr Mandela — stung by criticism that he did not act forcefully enough to have stopped Nigeria from executing Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other minority-rights activists — was now going after Gen Ahacha with guns hlazing.

It represented a complete about-turn by Mr Maodela, who only a few weeks ago had urged the world not to push the Nigerian military regime into a

Mr Mandela vowed that South Africa would press ahead with its campaign for "strong actions", including oil sanctions, against Nigeria to ensure that democracy was attained in "the shortest possible time".

What we are now proposing are short and sharp measures which will produce the results Nigerians and the world desire. We are dealing with an illegitimate, barbaric, arrogant, military dictatorship which has murdered activists; using a kangaroo court and using false ev-

idence," he told the newspaper. At the same time, he rejected criticism by Nigerian oppositioo leaders and intellectuals that South Africa was to hlame for Saro-Wiwa's death. Instead he criticised the Nigerian resistance for being weak and ineffectual, and said the outcome of his campaign to hreak Gen Abacha ultimately depended on the Nigerians themselves. "It is of no use for Nigerian leaders to shout from abroad and not to ensure that the fires of resistance are burning inside of Nigeria," Mr Mandela said.

He drew direct parallels with the experience of his African National Congress (ANC) fight against successive apartheid governments. "We did not give in because international opinion would not have been mobilised if there was no vigorous and effective resistance movement inside the country. That is what is lacking in Nigeria, and Nigerian leaders that are blaming South Africa and its president are merely diverting attention from their weakness; from their failure to do what all democrats do -- to ensure that here are prominent leaders inside the country who are prepared to face the music, and to

Mr Mandela also lashed our at the Shell petroleum compa ny for its decisioo to go ahead with a \$4bn (£2.5bn) gas project in Nigeria, despite worldwide calls for the project to be shelved. He said he told Shell executives in Johannesburg last weck that South Africa expected the company to suspend the project as a mark of protest.

"And wheo they hesitated to do so, I warned them that we are going to take action against them in this country, because we can't allow people to think in terms of their gains wheo the very lives of human beings are involved. That is the extent to which I have gone in this

Mr Mandela has threatened to call for a boycott of Shell in South Africa. Following the meeting, Shell South Africa placed full-page advertisements in the South African press, defending its human-rights record

Thousands turn out to cheer Burma's champion of democracy



Freedom wave: Burma's dissident leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, greets more than 2,000 supporters outside her house in Rangoon. Ms Suu Kyi last week criticised plans by the military regime to reconvene a convention almed at drafting a new constitution. Most Burmese dissidents have dismissed it as a farce, as it will sit only at the will of the military

Photograph: Richard Vogel/AP

35 die as rebel jets bomb besieged Kabul

PETER GRESTE

Kahul - Rebel jets bombed residential areas of Kabul yesterday, killing at least 35 people and wounding more than 140 io the heaviest air raid on the besieged Afghan capital in more than a year.

A Defence Ministry spokesman blamed the rebel Islamic Taliban militia, who are attempting to topple President

attack. Nine bombs were dropped by SU-22 planes, none hitting a military target, he said. The ministry also accused neighbouring Pakistan of responsibility, saying it had "stroog evidence" indicating Islamabad's technical and fioancial aid in repairing the SU-type jets Taliban seized from the western town of Herat in August. Pakistan rejected the charge, saying it had giveo

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people died when one bomb destroyed three homes and severely damaged four others in

the western suburh of Wazirabad. Neighbours said the device was a 1,100lb parachute bomb that exploded in the air. A similar bomb killed seven people wheo it destroyed a three-storey mud-brick building in the central district of Qalai Fatullah. Dozens of rescuers dug frantically through the rub-

cluding the bodies of two

"This is the most barbaric war," cried one neighbour as he watched the rescuers cover a two-year-old child dragged from the dust. "The Taliban are more cruel than Ghengis Khan. Even the Russians were oot as bad as these people," he said. Two smaller parachute bombs exploded above the Supreme Court compound in Qalae Za-

man Khan, east of the city, killing seveo people.

The air raid followed two nights of heavy fighting betweeo the Taliban and government forces. The Taliban is attacking Kabul oo at least four fronts in a hid to capture the city and force Mr Rabbani from power. It has also imposed a fuel blockade on the capital in an apparent attempt to freeze the defenders into submission over the coming winter.

INBRIEF

Rabbis questioned

Jerusalem — Two rahbis suspected of issuing a religious ruling before the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin that justified his killing are being interrogated, Israel radio reported. Police are investigating whether one or several right-wing rabbis issued a ruling under Jewish law that allows the killing of someone defined as a rodef, or pursuer, to prevent him causing the deaths of his victims.

Hostages 'will die'

New Delhi - Kashmiri separatist rebels holding four Westerners hostage, including Britons Keith Mangan and Paul Wells, reiterated a threat to kill the captives if the government continued to reject their demands. The threat was conveyed to a government negotiator in Kashmir who spoke by telephone to a guerrilla of the Al-Faran group.

Rail peace hope

Paris - French state railways agreed to hold negotiations with unions a day early on the third day of a strike that all but choked off weekend train traffic. Only a quarter of trains were running on most lines, but some were halted entirely.

Back in the ring

Abidian - Ivory Coast held its second multi-party general elec-tion, with opposition parties hoping to break the ruling De-mocratic Party's post-independence monopoly on power. The opposition parties were back in the ring after boycotting last month's presidential election. which the ruling-party leader, Henri Kooao Bedie, won against a backdrop of clashes that killed 35 people. Reuter

No regrets

Santiago — Chile's former military ruler, General Augusto Pinochet, said he felt sorrow for Chileans killed under his regime, hut would do nothing differently if history repeated it-self. Celebrating his 80th hirthday he said he was proud of averting a civil war when he overthrew Presideot Salvador Alleode in 1973.

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Louis Malle

There is a unique paradox to the Fontainebleau and at the Sorten been cited as an influence career of Louis Malle, in that the film-critical establishment is split almost evenly between those who believe him to have less categorical, who believe him to have been overrated.

For his admirers, the apparent absence of an instantly perceptible directorial personality in his work was a mark of the director's versatility rather than his anonymity, the sign of a healthy refusal to have his films circumscribed by an overly refined fetishisation of subjectmatter. For his detractors, he was a director possessed of a sensibility but bereft of an idenitiable style in which to enshrine it (unlike many current young Hollywood directors, who are positively brimming with style but deficient in sensibility).

For those of us who have never been entirely convinced by the claims of his champions. Malle was an undeniably intelligent artist, subtle and observant, and a superb technician (he was the most celebrated graduate of IDHEC, the prestigious if not notably prolific French film school), who made films that were stylish instead of in any individual style. And, given the partiality of film critics for the eponymous qualifier (Bressonian, Fordian, Renoiresque, and so on), it's not by chance, nor merely because his monosyllabic name scarcely offers promising material for the exercise, that no one has ever employed, about his own or anyone else's work, the adjective 'Mallian" or "Mallesque". Put bluntly, it would be meaningless.

Louis Malle was born, in 1932, in Thumeries, into one of France's most privileged industrialist families. He was educated at the Jesuit College in

bonne (where he majored in political science), before studying film at IDHEC between 1951 and 1953. On graduating, be was been underrated and those, no chosen by the oceanographer Jacques-Yves Cousteau to be his technical assistant and effectively his cameraman on a series of extensive sea voyages, and he proved so indispensable to Cousteau that he ended up sharing with him the directori-al credit on Le Monde de silence ("The Silent World", 1956), the most famous of all undersea documentaries. He also served his apprenticeshp as an assistant to Robert Bresson on Un Condamne à mon s'est échappe ("A Man Escaped", 1956), then made his first solo feature, Ascenseur pour l'éch-aufaud ("Lift to the Scaffold"),

a slick and glossy thriller released in 1958. That was just one year before the annus mirabilis of the New Wave, 1959, the year of Truffaut's Les 400 Coups, Godard's A bout de souffle and Resnais's Hiroshima mon amour, and Ascenseur pour l'échaufaud has of-

on the movement. The question, however, is arguably one of precedence, not influence. Maile got there first. Yet, notwithstanding its fresh and freewheeling location photography, its modish Miles Davis score and the New Wavish presence of Jeanne Moreau, the basically conventional Ascenseur is as fatally caught between two very different "floors" of French film-making as its murderous protagonist is trapped in a alled elevator. This was to be, throughout his

long career, the fundamental problem with Malle. Though he frequently tackled controversial subjects - explicit sexuality in Les Amants ("The Lovers", 1958, the film which made his name), suicide in Le Feu Follet ("The Fire Within", 1963), revolutionary politics in Viva Maria! (1965, teaming Moreau with Brigitte Bardot), anarchism in *Le Volcur* ("The Thief", 1967, with Jean-Paul Belmondo), incest in Le Souffle au coeur ("Murmur of the Heart", 1971), wartime collab-



Gaspard Menasse in Malle'a Au revoir les enfants (1987): a real and durable triumph

oration in Lacombe, Lucien (1974), child prostitution in Pretty Baby (1978, his first American movie), the Holo-caust in Au revoir, les enfants (1987), the 1968 riots in Milou en mai (1990) and middle-class adultery in Damage (1992) - the potential for scandal was invariably defused by his precau-tionary classicism, his knack for knowing, in Cocteau'a ex-pression, just how far to go too far, his dainty little three-steps-forward-two-steps-back minnet around the most shocking implications of his themes.

Thus Bardot and Moreau

are revolutionaries in Viva Maria! - but, given that the movie is as close to being a cartoon as is conceivable without actually being drawn, not really. Belmondo is an anarchist in Le voleur - but not entirely. The adolescent hero of Le Souffle au coeur may indeed sleep with his mother - hut it's all giggled off in a closing tableau as though, in a family as heroically undysfunctional as that portrayed in the movie, incest were a peccadillo on the same larky level as belching at the dinner table. (Oedipus Schmoedipus so long as you love your mother!) Lucien Lacombe is a collaborator - but he could just as easily, as unreflectingly, have been a resistant. The prepubescent Brooke Shields is a whore in *Pretty Baby* - then again, she somehow also contrives to remain just an innocent little girl. The evenements of May 1968 form merely an offscreen rumble in Milou en mai. And, with his script for Damage (based on Josephine Hart's best-selling novel), David Hare shows himself to be, as an an-alyst of marital infidelity, a di-

Fair's fair, though. There are incidental pleasures to be savoured in nearly all of these films and Malle had his share of real and durable triumphs. Zazie dans le Métro (1960) is an uncanny visualisation of Queneau's (on paper) unfilmable novel, whose success can be measured by the fact that it does not send one back to the book. Lacombe, Lucien and Au revoir les enfants are still the two finest (fictional) films about the Occupation. Black Moon (1975) is a weird and wonderd Carrollian fantasy, which, if Maile's personal favourite of his own work, has never been properly appreciated. Atlantic City (1980), about a gentle old gangster adrift in the garish resort of the title, is graced by a lovely, late performance by Burt Lancaster. My Dinner with André (1981) is a droll conceit, a genuine dinner for two on which we, the spectators, are invited to eavesdrop. And his numerous documentaries, particularly the six-hour television series Phantom India (1969), donhtless merit

reappraisal.
Right to the end of his career, sifiable talent, a director for whom even posterity may have some difficulty finding the relevant niche in the Pantheon of cinema history, for he was neither a journeyman nor an auteur, neither ooe thing nor another - just like his films.

Gilbert Adair

Louis Malle, film director: born Thumeries, Nord, France 30 Oc-tober 1932; married Anne-Marie Deschodt (one son, one daugh-ter; marriage dissolved 1967), 1980 Candice Bergen (one daughter); died Beverty Hills, California 23 November 1995.



Lord O'Brien of Lothbury

rect successor to Sardou and

Henry Arthur Jones.

In the Bank of England's long transition from independence in the 1930s to renewed independence in the 1990s, the seven years of Leslie O'Brien's tenure as Governor after 1966 marked the point when the Bank hegan again to be a coherent player in the game between Government and the financial markets at home and abroad.

Yet what was seen by ministers and Treasury civil servants as a desirable development in the late 1960s was stultified for a time by the extraordinary circumstances of the inflationary boom and its collapse at the end

That O'Brien, a quiet reserved man in public, was a professional central banker with 40 vears' experience ranging from secretary to Montagu Norman to Deputy Governor in 1964, via the overseas and foreign exchange departments, and seven years' service as Chief Cashier, ensured his appointment by

Harold Wilson in 1966. The ill-concealed friction between his predecessor, the Earl of Cromer, and the Prime Minister, as well as the meritocratic turn of that Labour government, disqualified other. more patrician contenders from

the merchant banks. But if Wilson and the Treasury mandarins expected bureaucratic docility, they were disappointed. O'Brien had seen how Norman had shaped the Bank to state requirements during the Second World War and, though he had deployed Cromer's methods, he shared his two predecessors' mistrust about the way the Keynesian prescriptions had been misused as a cure-all during the post-war period. Wholly toyal once government decisions had

rohustly unafraid of ministers and Chancellors of the Exchequer sn long as discussions continued The July 1966 crisis brought

deflation and grievously damaged Labour's national plan. Dependent on American help. Britain could no longer act autonomously, while sterling had been reduced to the status of an adjunct to the dollar. Foreign competitors, led by American banks, threatened the City's own market predominance, stabilise the international financial system.

In these conditions, O'Brien had to advise on four main policy areas; how to stabilise sterling and Britain's remaining sterling dehts; bow to manage the economy more efficiently in a rapidly changing environment; how to renew the flow of investment to domestic industry; and how to modernise City markets and financial institutions before they lost market share. At least until 1968, be also suffered the handicaps of subordination to the Treasury and deprecation by the Labour Party Left for his advocacy of

monetary and fiscal prudence. The sterling balances were stabilised, partly thanks to O'Brien's skilful diplomacy in Basle in 1968, but sterling remained at risk: after the 1967 devaluation (against which O'Brien struggled without effect) he and Harold Lever, Wilson's financial emissary, helped to avert a second devaluation in March 1968 ne-gotiating with the US authorities. But the Governor's arguments about failure to con-

been made, O'Brien remained trol state borrowing and money supply had an increasing effect under the new Chancellor, Roy Jenkins, not least because of the more explicit tone taken by the Bank's own publication the Quarterly Bulletin.

It was clear by 1969 that O'Brien supported a permanent hut flexible monetary policy and a market-driven element in bank rate. But substantial differences existed between Bank and Treasury as O'Brien and his team (now better integrated than in the past) evolved whal became Competition and Cred-it Control. CCC's main aim was while the British government became Competition and Cred-was largely excluded from OECD countries' attempts to partial deregulation, to allow bank rate to be determined more by market demand for credit - especially from industry - and less hy political re-quirements. At the same time, it was hoped that British hanks would be freed from controls on lending, to compete more effectively with unrestricted foreign institutions and fringe banks at home operating under less stringent Board of Trade supervision, in an interbank market which saw deposits rise tenfold in the decade after

As by-products, O'Brien hoped that the fringe banks and the parallel markets in local authority and corporate loans could be brought under bank supervision, and industry encouraged to rely less on overdraft finance, more on the medium-term loans be expected would lead to innovation and structural adjustment. At the same time, long overdue hut cautious reforms began in the City, after the shocks of Authony Crosland's probing into hanks' real profits, and revival of the 1959 Mergers and Takeover Panel. To counter



Leslie O'Brien in 1966: the new Governor of the Bank of England

what he saw as a threat to the City ethos of self-regulation and to the Bank'a traditional role, O'Brien sought to modernise the Bank's own services, in particular through what became the Institutional Investors Working Party, which aimed to improve the flows and quality of investment.

Launched by the new Conservative Chancellor Anthony Barber in 1971, CCC differed in many ways from O'Brien's plan and had to be implemented at a uniquely unfavourable time: the Treasury even felt compelled to reinvent bank

rate under the title Minimum Lending Rate in 1972, and a year later asked O'Brien to suspend CCC altogether. By then O'Brien's optimism, based on admiration for Edward Heath's long vision of EEC entry and industrial transformation, bad altered. For him, lain Macleod's nnexpected death had been a tragedy, for it left the less experienced Barber in thrall to a prime minister determined to achieve his main objects at all costs and hence predisposed to ignore O'Brien's warnings against

To his dismay, sterling was floated in June 1972, O'Brien regarded a fixed rate as the basis of sound discipline, but he was not even called hack from holiday to advise; nor was he included in the discussions which preceded the 1972 Industry Act. He shared Heath's bafflement that industrial management failed to take advantage of the new credit regime, but disagreed on bow to deal with the malign combination of wage inflation and the pyramid of lending, mainly on speculative property, that led to CCC's being called "all competition and no control".

panding at an unprecedented rate accompanied by a 25.6 per cent increase in money supply. the beneficiaries from a real interest rate of 1.2 per cent being primarily financial and property-sector, together with private individuals, rather than ndustry.

O'Brien found himself a Cassandra, unable to affect this wildly inflatiooary process. His remedy was to raise MLF to check the boom but, fearing the knock-on effect on the cost of living, and hence trade-union wage claims, Heath and Barber would not permit it. In its only real success, the Bank pushed the rate to 9 per cent in June 1973 by manipulating the Treasury Bill rate with Treasury officials' consent. Thercafter, loyalty to the state prevented O'Brien from resigning, with all the public consequences that were to follow. But on his 65th hirthday he retired, only halfway through his second term of office.

In retirement, active on many boards, O'Brien reflected that the boom might have been

CASE SUMMARIES

27 November 1995

(Registror of Criminal Appeals) for the appellant; Saum Browne QC, Neville

Spencer Lewis (CPS) for the Crown.

Yorkshire Regional Health Author-

try v Fairclough Building Ltd and anor; CA (Neill, Evans, Millett

The substitution of a new par-

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John Blackhum QC, Martin Bowdry

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Lovel, Harrogate) for the plaintiffs.

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brought under control rather than induced to crash with cataclysmic results; hut not against the will of a Cabmet whose eyes focused on a wages pact and reduction of unemployment from its post-war peak of one million. His own legacy, the special deposits scheme, and the so-called 'corset" developed by the next Governor, Gordon Richardson, were applied months too late and may even have intensified the collapse. At issue bad been a struggle

between an increasingly global financial sel of realities and a domestically oriented defence of the post-war social settle-By early 1973 credit was ex- ment. As Governor, O'Brich had helped the Bank to establish its claim to be a guardian of the nation's long-term financial interest, through a new level of expertise and argument, for the first time since the 1930s. Political circumstances denied him the influence that Richardson was later to achieve. Yet O'Brien's important speech to the Belgian Societe Royale. in October 1977, can be seen in retrospect as a marker, linking the independence of central banks to control of money supply and success in the perennial struggle against inflation.

Keith Middlemas Leslie Kenneth O'Brien, banker: born 8 February 1908; staff, Bank of England 1927-73 Deputy Chief Cashier 1951-55. Chief Cashier 1955-62, Executive Director 1962-64, Deputy Goremor 1964-66, Governor 1966-73: GBE 1967: PC 1970; created 1973 Baron O'Brien of Lothbury: President, British Bankers' As-

sociation 1973-80: married 1932

Isabelle Pickett (died 1987; one

son), 1989 Mrs Marjone Taylor, died 24 November 1995

David Nickerson

David Nickerson was the "dealer's dealer who for the last 28 years ran Mallett's Bourdon House, the 18th-century house in Mayfair which is an outpost of Mallett's of Bond Street.

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Nickerson had two oulstanding qualities; his highly individual and informed "eye" when it came to works of art. and a talent for making and keeping friends from every walk of life from Norfolk countrymen to international clients, all of whom were attracted by his enthusiasm for anything to which he set his mind, from restoring a barn with his own hands to picking gilt out of a Gothic mirror with a dental pick.

He took over Mallett at Bourdon House in 1967. Gradually he transformed its elegant rooms into a Kunsikammer of antiques both witty and eccentric, ranging from the classical antique and fine furniture to the incidental; Cubist Art Deco shagreen dressing cases, coltections of walking sticks and carving knives, all the best of their kind, "One never knew what one was going to find when one went in there," remembers Mark Birley, one of his clients.

Bourdon House became much more than an antique shop. It reflected Nickerson's love of objects of quality which interested him because they informed upon the culture from whence they came and the people that had commissioned, made, or owned them. He could perceive visual connections between seemingly disparate objects; fine neo-classical Waterford glass urns lived in harmony next to a Greek head of a slave, an 18th-century gaming sel and a Phil May drawing.

Nickerson was born in 1933 in London, but spent his early years in Norfolk. During his first half at Eton, he contracted tuberculosis in one kidney which eventually had to be removed. and spent the next three years in bed. In this period of enforced inactivity he developed his cye and his love of history. He attended Norwich High School, where he played crick-et but, as a semi-invalid, had to have a runner, and in 1953

went up to Trinity, Cambridge. In 1957 he joined Mallett's in Bond Street, under Francis Egerton. Here he began to form his many friendships in the London dealing world and with clients, among whom were Bing Crosby and Bob Hope. Crosby and Hope were at Mallett's one day with Nickerson deciding whether one of them should huy a very large mirror; spontaneously, the three broke into a soft sboe shuffle - to he observed with horror by Francis gerton, who was conducting a Royal Personage round.

Nickerson remained at Bourdon House until June this year, when he became a consultant to Mallett's, Like Bourdon House, his houses in London and Norfolk were full of the unusual and the beautiful. So were his pockets, which always contained mysterious and tiny sculptures. intaglios (one of his passions) and minuscule carved fragments. He loved the beautiful even in fragment form and would buy, for instance, two supporters for a missing clock. knowing that eventually be would find the last piece in the puzzle. Once he bought two bases, suspecting that they had been intended for two Kandler swans. Years later, he found the swans he knew should be petched on them.

> Meredith **Etherington-Smith**

David George François Nickerson, antique dealer: born London 24 March 1933: married 1958 Sara Jewson (Iwo sons, one daughter); died London 23 November 1995.

Births, **Marriages** & Deaths

IN MEMORIAM

JACK: In memory of Tertius William remembered on this day, Much loves and missed. Hustand to Gwyneth, fa ther is Deborah and Robin, grand father to Jamie, Nick and Hayley.

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Birthdays

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Anniversaries

Births: Anders Celsius, inventor of the thermumeter, 170t; John Mur-

ray, publisher, 1778; Sir Charles Scott Sherrington, physiologist, 1857; Chaim Weizmann, biochemist and first president of Israel, 1874; Sir William Newenham Montague Or-pen, painter, 1878. Deaths: Horsee, page 1, 1878. Deaths: Horsee, poet, 8 BC; Jacopo Sansovino (Tat ti), sculptor, 1570; Athanasius Kircher, Jesuit priest, scientist and in-

ventor of the magic lantern, 1680; Henry Winstanley, Eddystone lightbouse designer, drowned 1703; Andrew Meikle, millwright and threshing machine inventor, 1811; Alexandre Dumas the Younger, novelist and playwright, 1895; Alice Christiana Gertrude Meynell, poet and essayist, 1922; Eugene Gladstone O'Neill, playwright, 1953; Theodore Francis Powys, novelist, 1953; Arthur Hannesse Honegger, composer, 1955; Ross MeWhitter, compiler of the Guirness Book of Records, killed by the IRA 1975. On this day: William Shakespeare married Anne Hathaway 1582: two women at Grantham, Lin coinshire, became the first police-women, 1914. Today is the Feast Day of Saints Barlaam and Josaphal, St Cungar of Somerset, St Fergus ni Strathern, St James Intercisus, St

Lectures

Victoria and Albert Museum: Michael Keen, "Judaism: The

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Turah", 2.30pm. Exeter University, Parker Moot Room, Amory Building: Professor Keith Cameron, "Old Wine in New Bottles: the relevance and irrelevance of the Renaissance", 1.10pm

The following notes of judgments were prepared by the reporters of the All England Law

Breath test DPP v Berry; QBD(DC) [Simon Brown L.I. Scott Baker and Latham

J.D: 30 Oct 1995 A defendant who had a low level of understanding and was unable to understand the breath-test procedure had not been deprived of his right to have his specimen of breath re-placed under s 8(2) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 when it was clear his condition had been made worse by his admitted consumption of alcohol. since the deprivation was selfinduced.

Ben Crosland (CPS) for the prosecutor, the defendant did not appear and was not represented.

Contempt Delaney v Delaney; CA (Sir Thomas Bingham MR, Sir John Balcombe):

24 Oct 1995 A county court judge wbo found a party guilty of contempt for breaking a court order or undertaking did not have power to remand that party in custody while he considered the appropriate sentence to

Philippa Eade (Rustons & Lloyd. arket) for the appellant, James Munby QC (Official Solicitor) as

monetary laxity.

R v Finnegan and anor; CA (Crim Div)(Roch L.1, Forbes J. Judge Pownall QC); t Nov 1995 Section 35(1) of the Banking

Act 1987 (fraudulent inducement to make a deposit) does require that the misleading stalement should have induced another person to make a deposit. Were that the case then the charge would be one of obtaining property by deception. The offence is complete once the defendant has made a statement which he knows to be misleading, false or deceptive for the purpose of inducing another person to make a deposit with him or another person. The statement does not have to be communicated to the person whom it is intended to induce to make a deposit; it is sufficient if the statement is made and communicated to someone with the necessary intent or purpose. Peter Collier QC. Jeremy Barnett

Road traffic East Staffordsbire BC v Rendell;

QBD(DC1 (Simon Brown LJ, Sedley JI; 3 Nov 1995 The holder of an operator's licence for a private hire vehicle

in one controlled district committed an offence under s 46(1)(d) of the Local Government (Miscellancous Provisions1 Act 1976 when he redirected his calls from that controlled district to a telephone on premises in an adjacent controlled district for which he held no licence, since he had made provision for the acceptance of bookings in an area for which he beld no

Christopher Kinch (Sharpe Pritchun for Council Solicitor) for the council; Jonathun Galbraith-Martin (Batesh) Partnership, Manchester) for the delendant.

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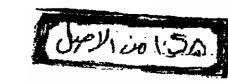
Witness R v Davies and ors; CA(Crim Div) (Swinton Thomas L.I. Waterhouse, Harrison JJJ; 3 Nov 1995

The test of the competence of a child witness under \$2 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 is whether the child is able to unhim or her, to communicate, to give a coherent and comprehensive account of the matters is giving evidence and to dis-

tinguish between truth and fiction and between fact and fantasy. Once a child can give a comprehensive account and tinguish between fact and fiction, whether the child is telling the truth or not is a matter for the jury. The Cleveland guidelines in

relation to the conducting of in-

terviews should be regarded as expert advice as to what will normally be the best practice to adopt in seeking to ensure a child's evidence is reliable. In resolving questions that arise under section 32A (video recordings of interviews with children) and the judicial discretion in relation to admissihitity under s 78 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, the issue was whether fairness required the judge to exclude or to admit the evidence. Patrick Eccles QC, James Tillyard; Getald Price QC, Jeffrey Clarke: Ian Peddie QC, Philip D. Morshall; Edward Lyons QC. David I.M. Aubrey: Adrian Fulford QC and Janet Plange (Euton-Evans & Morris, Haverfundwest); Nigel Mylne QC, Gerains derstand the questions put to Walters (Paul Sentatree & Co. Haverfordwest) for the appellants; Gerard Etius QC, Paul Thomas QC amd Huw Recs (CPS) for the Crown; David in relation to which he or she Bodey QC (Treasury Solicitor) for the Official Solicitor



THINKERS OF THE NINEMEDS

Fundamental fault that divides us



Is globalization taking place? Far from it, says the man who believes the single ideological clash has been replaced by multiple confrontations based on culture. Bryan Appleyard investigates

Deep in the psyche of the United States there lies the thought that everybody is really American, only by an accident of hirth do they call themselves Japanese, French or whatever. Being American is an ideal condition, the moral and political apotheosis of the species. During the Cold War this belief neatly divided the world into two. There were Americans and aspirant Americans - those who supported the United States against the Communists - and there were the rest - those either too misguided or too oppressed to see

On the face of it, the West's victory over Communism should have provided an instant proof of this conviction. But instead, there was puzzlement. America's economic dominance was being challenged by newly confident Far Eastern nations. And, internally, America seemed divided against itself. This country had something that had made it victorious, but there seemed to be no agreement about what it was. Meanwhile, in the Gulf, in Yugoslavia, in Africa, conflict seemed to be as entrenched as ever. The world was apparently incapable of aeknowledging its ultimate American

In 1993, in the journal Foreign Affairs, Samuel P Huntington provided one answer. In an essay called "The Clash of Civilisations?", Huntington, a Harvard professor, said the single ideological confrontation of the Cold War had been replaced by multiple confrontations. These were based not on politics, economics nor even on the demands of the nation state, but rather on culture. "The next world war," he wrote ominously, "if there is one, will be a war between civilisations."

The thesis is pessimistic. Many had hoped that the triumph of liberal democracy signalled at least the beginning of the end of armed conflict. Liberal democracies have never gone to war with each other and, now that it seemed so obviously to be the one desirable form of government, nations should gradually move towards a new era of peace in which the sheer economic mefficiency of war would become unthinkable. But Huntington began from the view that fundamental conflicts would persist and then he simply asked what

would, in the future, be likely to drive them. For the United States, this pessimism had its positive side. After the Cold War, American institutions faced an identity crisis. From the Pentagon to the CIA, they wondered what they were supposed to do. This was a country on a war footing, but now with no obvi-

ous enemy. Huntington, in the conclusion of his essay, gives them their programme. The US must work to promote co-operation among countries within its own civilisation - Europe and the Americas; it must limit the expansion of military power of Islamic and Confucian states and it must exploit their differences and conflicts. The programme was, in short, to shore up the West against the anti-West. It was as decisive a statement of the need for eternal vigilance as any that were made during the

The intellectual heart of this argument is Huntington's concept of civilisation as the new determining force in world affairs. A civilisation, he says, is a cultural entity, it is "the highest cultural grouping of people and the broadest level of cultural identity people have, short of that which distinguishes humans from other species". In the case of Japan, the civilisation and the nation state coincide, but in every other case a civilisation includes many different states.

Huntington identifies eight civilisations; Western, Confucian, Japanese, Islamic, Hindu, Slavic-Orthodox, Latin American and "possibly" African. Perhaps his most potent example of the way these blocs divide is his new Iron Curtain. The conquests of Communism drew this line too far to the West. In reality, it runs between Russia and Finland, down through the Baltic states, Ukraine and Romania, and then it twists ominously through the Balkans. This is the ancient fault-line between Catholic and Orthodox Christianity. It makes it clear that the Bosnian conflict is far more fundamental than we like to think. In the former Yugoslavia, the Europe of the Renaissance and the Enlightenment had reached its easternmost limit.

The point about such divisions is their depth. They are old and they embody basic differences between peoples. We are just beginning to grasp that the Serbs are not like us. Equally, the Confucian states - notably China - will remain essentially incomprehensible because they simply do not share our attitudes to morality, individual freedom and human rights. And, of course, the Salman Rushdie affair demonstrates the extent to which an unbridgeable gap will always exist between a theocratic culture and the West, where religion has been relativised to the

3: SAMUEL HUNTINGTON

The next world war, if there is one, will be a war between civilizations?

CAREER: Samuel P Huntington is Albert J Weatherhead III University Professor and Director of the John M Olin Institute for Strategic Studies at the Center for International Affairs, Harvard University. He was born in 1927 in New York City. He was edu-cated at Yale and Chicago Universities and has taught at Harvard and Columbia. Between 1977 and 1978 he was at the White House as Coordinator for Security Planning for the National Security Council. He founded the quarterly Foreign Policy and was co-editor until 1977.

WORK: He has written more than a dozen books and 90 articles in three key areas: military politics, American and comparative politics, and the politics of less developed countries. His major work - The Third Wave: Democratisation in the Late Twentieth Century - was published in 1991 and his essay, "The Clash of Civilisations?" appeared in 1993.

LIFE: Huntington is married with two

CRITICS: His Clash of Civilisations thesis has been attacked as being oversimplified. Cultures alone, say his critics, do not make wars; more elaborate interactions with politics and economics are required. The idea, it is said, is no more than a desperate attempt to think up a coherent foreign policy for the United States.

point where it cannot make ultimate political demands.

Huntington rejects the argument that, as travel increases and communications improve. these differences will become less profound. Rather, he says, they will become more intense as people struggle to retain their cul-tural identity against the globalising tendencies of the modern world.

"The interactions among peoples of dif-ferent civilisations," he writes, "enhance the civilisation-consciousness of people which, in turn, invigorates differences and animosities stretching or thought to stretch back deep into history." The impact of the essay was almost as great as that of Francis Fukuyama's "End of History" essay published in 1989. Huntington, previously a solid, respected but uncontroversial thinker, was suddenly being debated at conferences around the world. Perhaps this is because he was saying exactly the posite of Pukuyama. Whereas the End of History argument suggested that all cultures were converging on the ideal of liberal democracy, the "Clash of Civilisations" suggested the ancient divergences were, for the time being, absolute. History, far from being over, had been revitalised by the end of the Cold War. The old, cultural divisions had reemerged to divide us all.

But is Huntington right? Clearly, in an obvious sense, he is. Deep fault-lines do exist in the world that represent more than just econ-omic or political differences. We may console ourselves that they listen to Sting or Michael Jackson in Japan, but it does not take long to realise they are hearing something different. Equally, the Americans might have felt pride that a rough replica of the Statue of Liberty was erected by the students in Tiananmen Square. But China remains a Confucian culture imbued with the utterly alien idea that government cannot ultimately be wrong

because it is the embodiment of what is right. Yet globalisation is happening. Local cultures are being weakened by the intrusion of alien influences. Usually, because they control the software, these influences are American. But the point is that, whatever the influences, they tend to deliver the message that the demands of the local, the demands of your civilisation, are not absolute; you can choose others. Maybe Hungtington is right to say this globalisation will induce a kind of cultural paranoia, an intensification of difference. But that is only speculation and there is equally

authoritative speculation pointing in the other direction

Finally, the charge can be levelled at Huntington that he appears to be bending over backwards to define an aggressive foreign pol-icy for the US. Cultural conflict is an even better justification than the merely ideological conflict of the Cold War. There are more enemies and the frontiers are more clearly defined. And this threat is more or less permanent, a constant pressure on the Americans to stiffen their sinews and summon up

But the fairest summary of Huntington's position is that It has been an important corrective. The defeat of Communism led to many facile simplifications, notably about the universal panacea of free market economics. This led to dangerous generalisations about the world and the absurd assumption that, in the end, everybody would succumb to Western consumerism. Huntington's importance was to point out that there are great differences between peoples that cannot be eliminated either by liberal idealism or conservative economics. For not everyhody is American and some might not want to be to the point of war.

Illustration: Chris Priestley



Diary

RUTH DUDLEY EDWARDS

I rarely fall out with my friends, but recent events have brought about a free and frank exchange of views with two of the closest. The first rift occurred last Tuesday, when I finally got through to Krystel. I had been having a tough time on the Princess Diana front, for in my west London village only Kuku, my newsagent, and Carol, my assistant, had shared my view of the Panorama experience. "Did you see the Princess Di interview?" I inquired eagerly. "Of course, wouldn't bave missed it." I settled down in readiness for a feast of character assassination, at which Krystel is unrivalled. "I thought she was terrific," she added. I emitted a long, low wall. "You couldn't have been taken in. Not you, of all people. And by a manipulative peerer-from-under-her-eyelashes who wants to be the Queen of Hearts." "Sorry," said Krystel. "But she was marvellous. And it serves Charles right."

So I called Darren and he provided balm, for he is a Carlist, too, and we dissected the performance so viciously that even Nicholas Soames might have thought we were being a little unfair. Darren shook his head over Krystel but we agreed that she had to be forgiven one major error of judgement. And then we proceeded to chat on other matters until he said apologetically, apropos the referendum that was about to be held in Ireland, that he had decided to vote "No" to divorce. So after the ensuing altercation, I had to ring Krystel to complain about Darren. I have changed the names to protect the guilty, but it gave me a lot of satisfaction to award them such undignified aliases.

His interlocutor paused, reflected and

festooned with a wide variety of placards urging "Yes" or "No" votes

interventions by Catholic bishops and

their blood-curdling warnings about

pronounced: "Revenge, Bejasus!"

The lamp-posts in Dublin are

on the citizenry. In response to

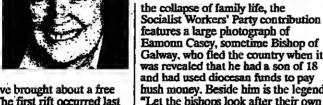
various strong anti-divorce

Here is Tony Walton's narrative verse on the present state of the saga.

Took the wind from the sails Of the Prince of Wales. When the programme was seen Her Majesty the Queen Said: "If she wants to make a crisis out of a drama She'll have to do better than

'Panorama' (And although it always makes me sick I think Charles should appear with Anne and Nick).

In Dublin at the end of the week, I was delighted by my friend James's reaction to Panarama. It reminded him, he explained, of the true story of the earnest young reporter from the Morning Post who in 1920 was dispatched from London to find out what the devil the Irish were at and why they were rebelling all over the place. Finally, he tracked down a senior Sinn Fein figure in Dublin. "What are you seeking?" he asked auxiously, pencil poised over notebook. | Eamonn Casey: family man



features a large photograph of Eamonn Casey, sometime Bishop of Galway, who fled the country when it was revealed that he had a son of 18 and had used diocesan funds to pay hush money. Beside him is the legend: "Let the bishops look after their own families. Vote for change!" Having been brought up in Dublin in the heyday of aggressive and

authoritarian Catholicism (I was once denounced from a rural altar for demonstrating urban immodesty by wearing trousers), I never cease to be amazed and delighted by the sheer politeness of Church of England clergy. So I particularly loved the graciously worded question from Stuart Samuel, who is not only Rector of Hathern, Long Whatton & Diseworth with Belton and Osgathorpe, but also Rural Dean of Akeley East:

Dear Ms Edwards, can you state Why you call your chosen Mate Do you stress the transience, Short-list, take up reference and lease your predilections?

Michael Leapman, as befits a journalist rather than a man of the cloth, merely observes that the phrase makes him nauseous. And John Hawgood says if I don't want to use simple words like "lover" or "mate", I should launch a competition to find "a better circumlocution". I can't satisfy Michael or John, for my gentleman friend and I are creatures of habit and we're used to the term, but I can reassure Stuart that although initially the phrase indicated a certain caution I long ago offered to change "tenant" to "freeholder". The tenant, however, says that there is no need to introduce such complications: he has a lease of 999 years and he reckons that'll see

I had lunch last week with Andrew Boyd, friend as well as elf of this m, in the Lee Ho Fook in Gerrard Street, from which emerged three questions. Why did they serve dry



Chinatown: nest of the Pelican

sherry in a tumbler with ice and lemon? And why, when they told us they didn't have any coffee, did they offer ice-cream as an alternative? The third is for PG Wodehouse buffs. Is Andrew right in his suspicion that the restaurant is on the site of the Pelican Club, which flourished in the 1880s and 1890s and is much mentioned by Lord Emsworth's brother, the great Galahad Threepwood? And what's more, Andrew wants to know if anyone has ever reconstructed Gally's story about Sir Gregory Parsloe and the prawns, of which we know nothing except that it reduced Beach, the Blandings Castle butler, to hysterical

Musing about Wodehouserv has just given me an inspiration. Princess Diana is Madeline ("The stars are God's daisy chain") Bassett .

Mike Bradshaw is in a harsh mood Brian Mawhinney ain't Convincing wearing pains. Trying to put a gloss On Tory dross.

And finally, Diana Wood, who was greatly impressed by your success in sorting out the Odgerses' little difficulty with a riddle, begs for help in discovering the first four lines of a limerick published in the Spectator some time in the Fifties. The last line was "And I bet you 'e 'as 'er by Jan!". Of course, if you don't know the answer, you might make it np.





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Mr Murdoch's taxing times

Later this week the pages of Rupert
Murdoch's national papers - the
Times, the Sunday Times, the Sun and the
News of the World - will be filled with
analyses of Kenneth Clarke's Budget. But while journalists toil over the detail of tax cuts, the real tax experts at Murdoch's News International, the parent company. will be busy on a far more lucrative project. Despite making profits of nearly £1hn in the past decade, the company has paid only 1.2 per cent of this in tax. Whatever Murdoch leader writers say about the justice or otherwise of Clarke's tax regime, News International is certainly not paying its fair share in tax.

The legality of News International's behaviour is not in question, but the morality is. It is a common and legitimate practice for companies to offset profits made in one area against losses made in another, before paying tax on the net pro-fits that remain. Using chains of unex-plained financial transactions between a network of subsidiary companies, including several based in international tax havens, News International manages to find significant losses to help to reduce its British tax hill.

Companies such as News International clearly believe any trick within the limits of the law is legitimate if it reduces their tax bill. Yet they benefit from many services that the Government provides. Ranging from well-maintained roads that help efficient distribution, to a legal framework that ensures their contracts are enforced. they depend on government action to help them to make profits. Multinationals with clever accountants who avoid paying their fair share in tax are in effect subsidised by the British taxpayer.

Then there is the question of a level playing field. Other newspaper operations pay the Treasury more: the Telegraph Group paid about 29 per cent of its prof-Group paid about 29 per cent of its profits in tax last year, while the Mirror Group, which owns 43 per cent of the Independent, paid about 20 per cent. If News International had paid, say, 25 per cent of its profits in tax last year, the Treasury would have been almost £200m better off.

Murdoch's competitors must be feeling pretty sore. After all, he is engaged in a predatory price war designed to push some of his competitors out of husiness hv keeping newspaper cover prices low.
It must be particularly infuriating to discover that the strategy is being subsidised by the money that News International has avoided paying in tax. Companies that play fair, or whose operations are largely confined to Britain and are therefore unable to use the same methods of tax avoidance, face a serious competitive

disadvantage.
Unfortunately, there is no simple loophole for Mr Clarke to close on Tuesday. While companies have many international arms and while tax collection is confined within national borders, the scope for igenious accounting will remain.

The Inland Revenue has a tough new line on corporate tax avoidance. It should go farther and examine new ways to close down the tax-avoidance options available to multinational firms. And the Labour Party should make sure News International's affairs are at the forefront of its corporate tax review. It is vigorous enough in its pursuit of fair tax for individuals. No amount of favourable headlines in the Sun should deflect it from a fair tax proposal

A division that won't go away

Monetary Union, surely the most divisive issue facing the Tories, should quietly fade away. Alas for John Major and his colleagues, this is one present that Santa will not be delivering. As today's meeting in Brussels of European finance ministers will confirm, the political will for launching a single currency by the target date of January 1999 remains strong. Whatever the economic doubts about the project, and there are many, the Government would be deluding itself if it thought that Germany, France, the Benelux countries and others have privately concluded that the launch of the single currency should be put off by a couple of years, or even postponed indefinitely.

Until a month ago, the picture might have looked different. The French government was pursuing half-hearted economic policies that appeared to suggest it was looking for an excuse not to enter monetary union. In Germany, polls consistently showed public opinion hostile to the idea of sacrificing the strong mark for a potentially wobbly Euro-currency. Elsewhere in Europe, loud complaints were to be heard from countries such as Belgium and Italy whose ability to meel the Maastricht treaty's conditions for joining a single currency were being increasingly questioned in Germany.

Clearly, not all these problems have gone away. But no one should underestimate the significance of President

A sk the Government what it would like Abandoning his election pledge of last doubtless be long. But somewhere near the top would be a request that European war on budget deficits so that France can fulfil the Maastricht criteria on time. His government is now committed to a dras-tic overhaul of the welfare state and other austerity measures strict enough to make Thatcherism look like a charity event. Bankers and economists may well doubt whether Mr Chirac's gambit will succeed. hut the important point is that, after six months of wavering, the president has nailed his colours firmly to the mast of the single currency.
So. too, has Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

It would be a grave mistake for the Government to think that German demands for even lighter conditions of monetary and fiscal stability than those set out in Maastricht indicate a desire in Bonn to find a pretext to hury monetary union. On the contrary, what they reflect is Germany's justified concern that Maastrichl should be sufficiently free of loopholes to guarantee that the single currency will work. Close the loopholes, as they are beginning to be closed now, and Germany will be Europe's foremost advocate of launching monetary union on schedule.

The Tories will therefore not be able to paper over their internal divisions during the next election campaign by arguing that the single currency may never happen. For key member states, monetary union remains the cornerstone of the European Union's future.

ANOTHER VIEW Denis MacShane

Royalty and the Commoners

Today, 651 wise monkeys return to Westminster. In our constituencies there has been only one subject talked about over the weekend. Yet, as we slide into our green leather henches this afternoon, we have to pretend that we can say nothing, see nothing and hear nothing about the only issue in town.

Inside Parliament, MPs are forbidden by convention, not law, from debating the monarchy. Outside the Commons, we regain our privileges. Nicholas Soames got shot down for excessive loyalty to his Prince, while in yesterday's Sunday Telegraph, Douglas Hurd was toe-curlingly obsequious to his Princess. But what of the MPs of all persuasions who refuse to take sides in this marital row but would like some debate on the political and constitutional implications of the extent to which the institution that heads our state, in whose name our soldiers die, and to whom each MP swears allegiance, is becoming a

world spectacle? Sympathy for those members of the Royal Family who carry out their duties with discretion and tact is no excuse for not having a mature debate about what we mean by, and want from, the monarchy as we enter the 21st century. In every other democratic monarchy, the monarch swears an oath of allegiance to the constitution. The King of Spain or the Queen of Den-mark are symbols of the democratic glue that holds their states together because they place themselves and their families within

and under the laws of their lands.

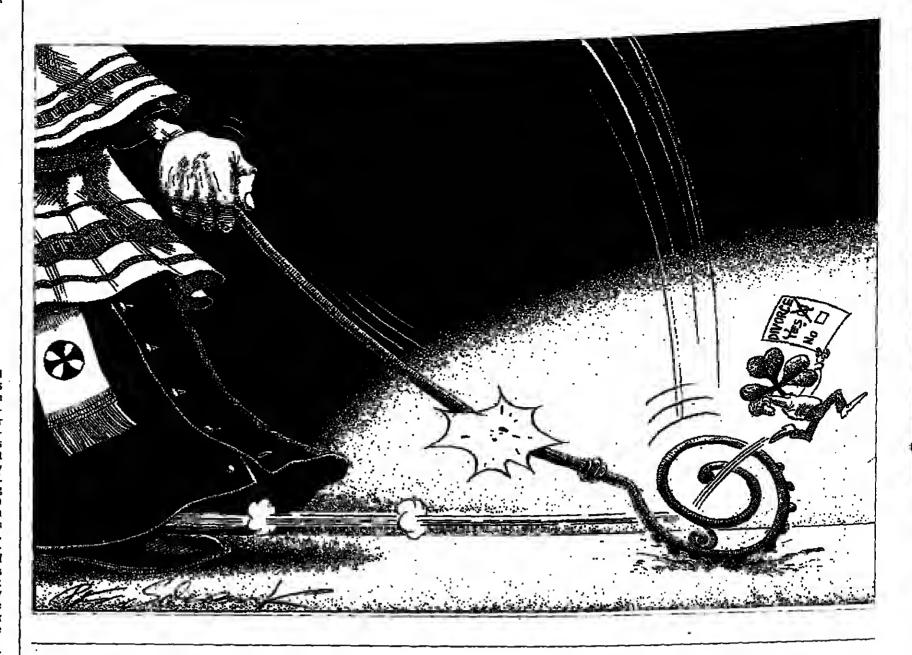
How absurd that MPs should determine, by Act of Parliament, the marital status of a member of the Royal Family. How medieval that the monarch is also expected to head the official state church. How undemocratic that elected legislators cannot discuss the issue that dominates national dehate.

Instead, the royal agenda is controlled by tabloid newspapers and television executives. More beans will be spilt. As the fourth generation of living royals goes through lusty adolescence and enters the value-free, me-first world of contemporary upper-class England, more flesh will be provided for the tabloids and TV to feast upon.

Change is urgently needed. The 19th century mysticism of monarchy, celehrated by Bagehot, worked for a nation rising to the top rank of world power. It is no longer appropriate in a Britain gripped by drift and decline.

Like almost every other part of our ancien regime, from the centralised, London-based power structure to our segregated education system, the 19th-century settlement is no longer valid. The monarchy must change. And the beginning of that process should be a debate whose agenda is not determined by tabloid journalists, hucksters selling scandal or agents for the warring royal camps, but by Members of Parliament in their own House of Commons, into which, after all, no monarchy may sel foot.

The writer is Labour MP for Rotherham.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Immigration Bill is 'firm' but not 'fair'

From Mr Radu Popp-Vinteller Sir: As an Eastern European exile to this shores, I read with interest Nirj Deva's article (Another View: "Fair and firm on immigration", 22 November) on the new Asylum and Immigration Bill.

My disappointment with his article comes from the fact that he fails in all respects to be spe-cific about what "fair" and "firm" means in the proposed Bill. Moreover, he suggests genuine applicants have nothing to fear, yet it is widely acknowledged that the very act of seeking sanctuary has become criminalised, with finger printing and detention procedures. He omitted the fact that the term of asylum-seeker as still defined by law is dated, inad-equate and ultimately redundant for example, last year it was challenged in relation to persecutions on grounds of homosex-

to imply that an economic refugee is a person who uses his position in this country for material gain without declaring it. The general background of more than 60 per cent of the Eastern Europeans here is college-educated and middle class. The benefits of living on the poverty line, or taking jobs that white British people do not want, or having johs refused hecause we have a persona non grata status cannot be seen as the main reason for fleeing one's native country.

Mandela's links

From Dr Peter Carcy
Sir: The equivocations and com-

promises of South African for-

eign policy are indeed disheart-ening ("When Mandela went missing", 21 November), espe-

cially when set beside the huge

sacrifices made to establish black

majority rule. But they are not

totally surprising in the context

of South Africa's links with

During the apartheid regime, arms sales to Jakarta seem to

have hulked large (Indonesia's

public support for sanctions

notwithstanding), and it was one

of the first countries which Nel-

son Mandela visited after his release from prison in 1990. The

fact that President Suharto made

a personal gift of US\$10m to

Mandela for the African National

Congress electoral campaign

could be the reason why the East

Timor issue was not taken up too

Even after Jakarta had perpe-

trated the 12 November 1991

Santa Cruz massacre in Dili

care for themselves

Sir; In his article on paying for care of the elderly (Money: 25

November), Clifford German

mentions a number of ways in which the Chancellor could ease

the problem through tax conces-

sions and by upping the £8,000 asset threshold. Surely one of the

simplest measures to allow the

elderly to hang on to their homes

would be to allow the cost of care

to he offset for tax purposes

against any income they might

have. In this way a small occupa-

tional pension might be able to

Help the elderly

From Mr Piers Hart

Indonesia

with Indonesia

century is to be undesired living proof that the plunder thal occurs in Eastern Europe is unjust and oppressive at civil, political, cultural, social and, ultimately, at economic level, and that some of us still refuse to accept it and we pay the price of exile trying to make the West conscious of it.

To be a European exile in Britain at the end of the 20th

Eventually what is disconcerting about the new Bill is not the racist-or-not debated issues, but the fact that it aims to tackle an effect - eg, asylum-seekers and immigration, without trying to sort out the causes. Mr Deva's article ignores these causes, which is very distressing, consid-ering the lessons of history and the geo-political presence of Eastern Europe. The plight of Bosnia is a harrowing example of ality. a lesson of history that politicians
Above all, Mr Deva seemed were complacent to learn and are now apparently happy to be rid of, but at what human cost? Yours sincerely.

> London, SW1 24 November

RADU POPP-VINTELLER

From Mr Randhir Singh Bains Sir: Nirj Deva, MP, is quite wrong to describe the current Asylum and Immigration Bill as "fair and firm". The Bill is undoubtedly firm but is not fair, for it is likely to have adverse implications for refugees from Third World countries.

(which left 271 dead, 250 missing

and 382 wounded - a far worse

death toll than Sharpeville), relanons continued to hlossom. Dur-ing an official visit to Indonesia

in September 1994, Mondela

again soft-pedalled East Timor.

merely calling for "dialogue" (something which was already in

train - and getting nowhere -under UN auspices) and not

pressing for the release of the one

man who could have made that

dialogue meaningful - the East

Timorese resistance leader,

Xanana Gusmao, who is serving

a 20-year jail sentence in Jakarta

after a trial widely condemned as

unfair by international lawyers.

No doubt foreign investment is

critical for present-day South

Africa and Mandela must do his

bit, but when that investment

comes from contacts with regimes as repressive as Suharto's Indone-

sia, one might have expected

some scruples, especially from a

Fellow and Tutor, Modern History

pay in full for care in the home

renting out the erstwhile famil

reduce the financial demands on

the public purse and continue to

allow individuals, even in old

age, to be independent con-

sumers and creators of wealth. It

does seem iniquítous that the

elderly and infirm should be

penalised through taxation in

their endeavours to remain finan-

cially self sufficient.

Yours faithfully,

Thetford, Norfolk

PIERS HART

leader of Mandela's stature.

Yours sincerely,

PETER CAREY

Trinity College

22 November

Notwithstanding the Govern-ment's persistent denial, the Bill is specifically designed to curb the flow of refugees from Asia and Africa, not from Poland. The East European countries have been included to make the Bill appear more credible and mask its racist connotations.

The Tory government used similar strategies in the late Seventies when, in order to curb visitors from the Indian sub-continent, it extended the Immigration Act to include visitors from the old Commonwealth. The Act was meant to treat all visitors equally, irrespective of their race, but in reality it worked against the visitors from the new Commonwealth, for white Australians and Canadians encountered little difficulty in getting into this country.

The current Asylum and Immigration Bill, like its predecessor, is also likely to generate two sets of unwritten codes: one for dealing, albeit sympathetically, with "genuine" refugees from Eastern Europe and the other for dealing firmly with "economic" refugees from the Third World.

There is little doubt that the Bill is carefully timed and designed not to solve the problem of illegal immigration but to bolster the Government's declining popularity in the opinion polls. Yours faithfully,

RANDHIR SINGH BAINS Gants Hill,

24 November

Wind turbines will

save our planet From Mr David Redom Sir: So. John Edwards (letter, 24 November I does not believe that

"the public" will ever accept thousands of wind turbines. 1 personally regard wind tur-bines as machines of great beauty. just like a tall sailing ship, and will be delighted to see them everywhere in the near future.

Of course, wind speeds being higher over the sea means that being sited uff-shore optimises an acrogenerator's efficiency, but there are many excellent inland areas where "the public" can enjoy the thrill of watching and listening to these very green, pollution-free servants of human kind diligently going about their appointed task.

The alternative to pollutionfree power sources such as aerogenerators is, in any case, too terrible to contemplate, not just for

rural Wales but for the whole planet. So let's ignore Mr Edwards and build a future - aerogenerators are as good a place to start as any and will become a visible symhol of just how much fun saving the planet is going to be. Yours faithfully,

DAVIO REDOM London, NI3

without the need for outside resources or subsidies. Similarly, Less litigation home might provide sufficient gross income to pay for residen-tial care. This would greatly

From Dr Nick Armstrong Sir: Kindly ask Polly Toynbee ("Watch out! There's a victim about", 24 November) to read the 1994 judicial statistics. They show that the litigation in English civil courts has dropped over the past few years, taking her argument with it.

Yours faithfully, NICK ARMSTRONG Irvin Mitchell Research Fellow Nottingham Law School Nottingham

Time-consuming exercise

From Mr Nicholas Bond Sir: Peter Popham seems intent on propagating the misconcep-tion that changing the time on our clocks can give us more hours of daylight ("Time for a little day-

light - and sanity" 25 November), He quotes Dr Mayer Hillman's calculations that putting the clocks forward an hour would give us 12 per cent (weekdays) and 35 per cent (weckends) extra time for "daylight-dependent activities". It must be obvious to everyone with any intelligence that we will get no extra daylight time purely by moving the hands on our clocks—so from where do these figures come?

It seems that we have become slaves to time rather than having the flexibility of being able to start the day earlier, or later, if we so wish. If, during the winter months, it is in the interests of schoolchildren in the many carner warren.

Sir: You argue in your business comment column (25 November) that synchronising the column (25 November) schoolchildren in the south of Continent would "cut £250m off England to start school at 8am electricity bills". But how is that and hullders in the north of Scotland to start work at 10am, they should be able to do so whether our clocks are registering GMT, Summer Time or Central Euro-

pean Time. As for Mr Popham's desire for winter tennis without floodlights, gardening and daylight dog walk-ing, to achieve this at present he 25 November

at weekends and, with the clocks altered during the week, he would still have to take the afternoon off tu get in a game of tennis or make an impact on his gar-den. And what about those of us who regularly walk our dogs early in the morning? Spending valuable parliamen-

has only to get up an hour earlier

tary time, newsprint and broadcasting time arguing about which hour the hands of our clocks should be pointing at is not going to give us any more daylight and will do little for anyone's sanity. Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS BOND

Lower Quinton, Warwickshire 25 November

From Mr. Andrew Warren electricity bills". But how is that compatible with your concluding advice to Scots concerned about longer, darker mornings to use more industrial lighting to compensate?

Yours faithfully, ANDREW WARREN Felsted.

Waiters do not get | We blame the the service charge | social workers

From Mr Michael Beckman Sir: Hermione Ainley's letter (24 November) that tips are accepted with gratitude is fair comment, particularly when the quality of the service merits such award. However, an invidious practice has grown up in many restaurants where a "service charge" of 10 per cent is automatically placed on the hill but is never received by the

staff concerned. Historically, this item is a substitute for the gratuity roughed out at 10 per cent. Most people do not realise that this sum is grahhed by the owners (including large chains) and adds to their turnover/profits only. Customers should enquire who receives the added percentage described as "service charge" and refuse to pay if not assured that it goes for the purpose they intend, namely to the people who provided the service. Yours faithfully, MICHAEL BECKMAN

Widford, Hertfordshire 26 November

Tables turned

From Mr Harold Stone Sir: Any one block of the schools results tables falls clearly into three general categories: selective entry, non-selective comprehensive and specials for Special Educational Needs. No one would make comparison of results between the tast two.

Your correspondent Caroline Beamish (letter, 23 November) might avoid ber "scepticism and irritation" were she to separate the first two, and so separate considerations of educational achievement from issues of class and affluence. Yours faithfully, HAROLD STONE Wareham, Dorset

23 November

From Ms Lesley Abdela Sir: If the Prince of Wales had openly expressed the belief that certain elements at a certain palace were conspiring against his well-being, would Nicholas Soames have stated that the Prince was in an advanced state of paranoia - or would he have said this really ought to be looked into properly both from the human and the constitutional point of view?

Yours sincerely, LESLEY ABDELA Conock, Wiltshire 24 November

From Mr Stephen Briggs Sir: Your front-page headline on the West case today (23 November) "Failures that put social services in the dock" signals by implication that social services were to hlame in some way. You chose not to use a headline more consistent with the report, and the facts of the case, such as "MP calls for hotline to help abuse victims"

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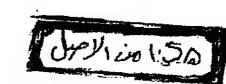
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It seems to be the policy of your paper to portray social services and social workers in a negative light, irrespective of their knowledge or powers to act. Can I therefore suggest the following as suitable future headlines for the continuing emotional crisis of the Royal Family: "Diana slashes wrists - social workers to blame", and "Charles admits adultery - social workers failed to stop it". Yours sincerely,

STEPHEN BRIGGS Blofield, Norwich

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Cheap beer and tax cuts for UK plc

The battle between Mr Brown and Mr Clarke is like a scene from Hogarth – or modern business

Every time I think about tomor-row's Budget, I think of Hogarth. in particular, I am vividly reminded of his wonderful series of canvases "An Election", which depicted the unreformed electoral system of the 18th century in all its corrupt and

unprincipled glory.
It is not difficult to imagine Kenneth Clarke circa 1750. He already has the claret-filled shape of an 18th century political hack; and, with the simplest addition of a lop-sided wig, could easily be painted into Hogarth's hustings - leering down from the rickety platform and bellowing to the mob below that ancient pledge, once so central to British political life: Cheap

Well, those days are back; for that, in essence, is what Mr Clarke must say on Tuesday if his party is to stand the faintest chance of victory at the next election. Of course, he will not literally offer us cheap beer. Indeed, I rather suspect Treasury pressure will prevent him from reducing the duties on alcoholic beverages by more than a penny or two. No, Tuesday's equiv-alent of "cheap beer!" will be "tax cuts!" The only mystery remaining is the form that these will take.

Nothing new in this, you may say. Aren't we all too used to Tory Chancellors manipulating the "electoral business cycle" to their party's advantage with cynically timed cuts in direct taxation? Well, yes. But in the past the Opposition bas invariably denounced them for doing so. This time it will be

different. For on Yuesday, there will be another, equally bulky, equally 18th-century figure waiting on the other side of the dispatch box - and ready to match Mr Clarke tax cut for

Gordon Brown is in some ways an even more Hogarthian figure than Ken Clarke. There was, after all, no more familiar figure in the seedy pol-ities of the 18th-century than The Hard-Nosed Scotsman On The Make. Down they poured to London after the Act of Union, intent on carving out careers for themselves. And today, under the banner of new Labour, they pour down harder than ever.

For weeks, Mr Brown has been preparing the ground for what promises to be one of the most outrageous budget replies in the Labour Party's history. He has already flown an unusually large number of pre-Budget kites, including a windfall tax on privatised utilities and workfare for what used to be called "the undeserving poor". But the kite that flew highest was his audacious proposal for a 10p in the pound bottom rate for income tax. That gives us a good indication of what Mr Brown will say on Tuesday; the moment the Chancellor slumps back on the Govern-ment front bench, Big Gordon will be on his fect ready to lead his own mob in a triumphant chorus of - "Free

And when Mr Brown sits down, having made his breathtaking bid to undercut the Tories at their own



The British left has returned snout-first to the politics of the pork barrel

game of electoral bribery, the implication will be clear. After some 200 years in which ideology has called the tune, the British left has at last returned, snout-first, to the politics of the pork barrel.

Of course, you do not have to go as far back as the 18th century to encounter this sort of thing. You only need to look at the way takeover bids are conducted in modern business. The predator takes out full-page advertisements to rubbish the existing management and to offer sharebolders mouth-watering bonuses and future dividends. With glossy mailshots, the management responds in kind: the hidders are, in truth, mere asset-strippers, etc. On Tuesday, Mr Clarke and Mr Brown will be per-

forming a version of the same corporate ritual. In the language of the City
pages: "New Labour launches hostile
bid for UK ple."

All of which is very shocking and

deplorable, no doubt. How shameful that the House of Commons - once the scene of great political battles for religious toleration, constitutional reform, individual liberty and social equality - should sink to this level of a political stock exchange.

But is it so terrible? I am actually

rather delighted by Mr Brown's conversion to pork-harrel politics -although I fear it greatly increases his party's chances of winning the next election. For it means that, for the time being at least, the old ideologies that dominated the period 1789-1989 are finished and done with. Quite simply, there is no longer any point in trying to run election campaigns in the name of Liberty, Equality, Fraternity or any of the other catchphrases from the 200-year Age of Revolutions. "Rights" are out. "Interests" - plain old money-grubbing material interests
- are back in.

The reason for this is simply that a consensus has been reached on all the main issues raised after 1789. The right has portrayed the result of the Cold War as a victory; but if you regard the war between conservatives and progressives as dating back to 1789, then the result has been more like a draw, In accepting democracy, conserva-tives have accepted an enormous shift towards redistribution of income; in abandoning socialism, progressives have given up on the idea of forcible redistribution of wealth.

With the welfare state fundamentally intact in spite of more than 15 years of Tory government, but with Labour converted to the limits imposed on it by Thatcherism, the consensus is clear; government takes about 40 per cent of GNP in taxation, the bulk of which it redistributes through the social security, bealth and educa-tion departments, leaving a little left over for its old functions—defence, law and order and the national debt.

The only problem is the very oldfashioned way UK plc is run. Every adult citizen is a shareholder with voting rights which are delegated every few years to a huge and weak advisory board of MPs. Even more oddly, we pay our management the worst rates in the world (especially the poor old Chief Executive in 10 Downing Street). And the accounts of the firm are expressed in an anachronistic language which no serious businessmen would put up with. If you discussed the affairs of a major corporation in the way the Chancellor will discuss those of UK pic tomorrow, the most docile shareholders would revolt.

So my advice to Mr Brown is this. Go for pork-barrel politics by all means. But go forwards instead of backwards for inspiration. Instead of the style of William Hogarth, adopt the style of Michael Milken - and turn the next general election into the mother of leveraged huyouts.

Leading blights of Burma

Earlier this year I was equally surprised by the sight and by the sounds. I bad expected the world at the top a piece about Burma. Not only that, but I was offered a free flight out there and a cruise up the Irrawaddy. All I had to do afterwards was extol the place as a tourist destination, while carefully avoiding the political overtones.

The reason they had approached me rather than someone else was not hard to ruess. In 1987, I had gone to Burma with a BBC film crew to make a programme called The Buama Road in the "Great Journeys" series. I had fallen in love with the country. I had written glowingly about the place and the people. Who bet-ter, the travel people must have reasoned, to send out as a her-

ald for the tourist invasion?

The travel people may not have noticed that while I liked the place, I hated the government. Burma has been under the foot of a grim regime for as long as most people can remember, a corrupt and greedy regime of thugs who have crushed racial minorities, bled the economy dry and murdered students and monks in large numbers whenever they have protested; they were doing so before Tiananmen Square set the fashion. The Burmese regime combines the less attractive characteristics of the Chinese government at its most bully-boy and a pseudo-fascist Latin American dicta-

torship. The reason I turned down the invitation to have a free trip and write this piece was partly bonourable (to avoid encouraging the Burmese regime) and partly cowardly (to avoid getting anywhere where the Burmese regime, who might bave read what I bad written about them, could give me a hard time). But the one thing, more than anything else, that convinced me I should boycott the place was a chance encounter last year

with someone from Burma who had lived at Pagan. Pagan (pronounced Pa-GARN) is the most amazing place I have ever seen. It was, once, a flourishing medieval city on a plain beside the Irrawaddy River, full of shops, temples, palaces and bouses. Centuries ago, everything was destroyed except the temples, leaving a gigantic chess board of brick and stone pyramids, stretching for miles between the river and the hills.

temples small villages formed, where farmers and merchants crept back into the deserted city to set up their small colonies. I can remember climbing the main pagoda in the village of Pagan to survey the great plain as the sun came up over Burma, and being

of a pagoda to be tranquil, but I had forgotten that sound travels well upwards, and up there on top of the temple I could hear the whole village beneath me - the dogs, the shouts, the creaking of cart wheels, the singing, the crack-ling of fire. The effect of a lived-in monument was heady. Not any more, said my contact from Pagan. To keep it clean and pure for the tourist trade, that village has been

swept away. It has vanished. The inhabitants have been forcibly moved away from their riverside bome to a dusty desert miles away and left to rot. Things bave been done to these people as bad as anything in Bosnia, the difference in Burma being that the government is doing it to its own people. Not ethnic cleansing

but touristic cleansing.

All this was unpleasantly



eonfirmed for me on Radio 4 last week, on the excellent programme called Costing the Earth, in which the programme's revealed that this clearance is now going on in Rangoon itself, where whole areas are being knocked down to make room for four-star hotels, and the people are being thrown out of town. Gangs of slave labour are being forced to clean out the vast moat of the Palace of Mandalay.

There was a time when the Burmese discouraged tourism, but now they have discovered the quick profits to be made from it, as they previously dis-covered the profits to be made from flogging off their jade, teak and oil. So the thugs in charge of Burma have pro-claimed that this should be "Visit Burma Year" and have started tossing out blandish-ments to travel firms, which led, I suppose, to my invitation

The ironic thing is that the programme we made in 1987. The Burma Road, told the grim slavery and forced labour to build the Second World War supply route into China. Today, the Burmese government is doing the same thing

to its own people.

Ladies and gentlemen, I give you the toast - make 1996 "Avoid Burma Year".

Ireland's people have shown that they want to move forward, but cautiously, says Conor Gearty

When church and state divorce

The separation between church and state in Ireland, for so long merely theoretical, has finally ended in divorce. Friday's vote to remove the country's constitutional prohibition on divorce may have been by the narrowest of margins, but government by referendum allows no middle ground between victory and defeat, and the change will have as much constitu-tional and legal weight as if the vote had been unanimous. The signifi-cance of the result extends far beyond its subject matter. Since the adoption of Eamon de Valera's new Irish constitution in 1937, the country has ostensibly enjoyed secular self-government in the Anglo-American democratic tradition. Though never designedly a theocracy, the divorce prohibition was only one of several clauses that recognised (in the words of one provision not removed until 1972) "the special position" of the Catholic Church in this new indepen-

dent Ireland. In the decades that followed 1937, lay politicians might have seemed to be driving this new vehicle of state in accordance with the democratic wishes of all its passengers, but this was only because the church was choosing their route. This entirely suited the bishops; why go to the bother of driving when the people could be relied upon to elect professional chauffeurs? What the church desired was legislated into life; what it disliked quietly disappeared, fts bold on the Irish imagina-tion was such that no coercion was required; the legislators, being good (and therefore obedient) Catholics, could not help themselves from translating the Catholic Church's will into

This arrangement had begun to fray well before this weekend's result. In 1973, Ireland entered the European Community, with all its Godless Catholic countries to provide a had example. The following year, in a decision with momentous implications at the time, the Supreme Court struck down a law that banned the importation of contraceptives. The pace of reform increased in recent years, with the Irish Parliament recently enacting liberal gay laws that would have been unthinkable only a decade before.

Despite such changes, the divorce referendum was still pivotal because it was the first opportunity for the people themselves to adjudicate in a elear contest between church and state. Earlier referendums in the Eighties on abortion and divorce had been muddied by splits in the political ranks as to the right stance to adopt. But for this referendum all the mainstream political parties were firmly in favour of change. So were most of Ireland's national newspapers, and almost all its



Counting the cost: to win by 9,000 votes on a turnout of 1.5 million voters is hardly a clear political mandate for change Photograph: Earnon Furrell/Photocall

cultural and artistic celebrities. It was a case of the church and Ireland's "cultural defenders" against the rest, with the church being additionally handi-capped by the succession of scandals that have swarmed around it in recent years, further emasculating its already shrinking authority. In fact, so disgraced are the bishops in Ireland that the anti-divorce groups operated almost entirely independently of them, and their hardline intervention was thought even by those who opposed change to have been uniformly counter-productive

In view of all this, the really interesting question is not why Ireland voted yes, but why it so nearly voted no. Of course, the defenders of the status quo bad simplicity on their side. It is far easier to shout "Save the fam-ily" at a political rally than it is to explain why you want people to be free to do something you admit you see only as a last resort and which you probably disapprove of anyway. Also, in the last few days of the campaign, the anti-divorce groups played a legal card to great effect, arguing that the change was certain to have momentous implications for the property rights of "first families", something that was strongly hut not necessarily

effectively rebutted by the government. Nevertheless, whatever one argues about its legal and constitutional authority, to win by 9,000 votes on a turnout of more than one and a balf million voters is hardly a clear political mandate for change.

As the campaign progressed, divorce became less a tangible pro-

There is genuine and profound concern at drifting into a culture that is free of ethics

posal than a linguistic battleground over which to fight for a nation's soul. The paradoxical consequence of Friday's near electoral stalemate is the delivery of a clear, albeit negative, message as to how the Irish people do not want the future to develop. On the one hand, there is clearly no stomach for a nostalgic drive into the cruel, stifling certainties of the past. On the other, there is genuine and profound concern at drifting into a culture that is as free of ethics and moral responsibility as it

is of authoritarian priests and nuns. This was no Irish vote for the Sixties. three decades after the event. The voters showed that while they wanted to put the church in its place, they were quite certain that it had a place.

Despite all the scandals and disgrace that surround it, the Catholic Church remains absolutely central to Ireland's sense of itself as a nation, as a place where respect for others, whether they be in the family, the parish, the village or even the city, con-tinues to weigh just as heavily as the more Protestant sentiment of indi-vidual autonomy. In its richest manifestations, the church stands for a vision of a society that is caring, charitable and solicitous towards the poor. As Ireland hurtles towards the premier league of nations, with a fast growth rate, low inflation, falling unemployment and the EMU club beckoning around the corner, this church-inspired vision of itself is a comforting guarantee that not everything has to change. As Britain and other Western nations experiment with commun-itarianism and other ideas, in an effort to fill the moral vacuum at the heart of their societies, the Irish bave shown themselves too sensible casually to dispense with their home-grown version

of that which other countries are now so desperate to invent.

It is this that makes so heartbreaking the tragically bad leadership that the Irisb church has had to endure for so long, with endless middle-aged episcopal dullards pontificating on women and sexuality when far better and more enduring messages lie readily to hand, and when far better and more intelligent men and women stand ready to deliver them. If only the bishops were as intelligent as the flock they try so unsuccessfully to bector.

The result of the referendum means that it is the church, rather than the Irish people, which is at a crossroads. The Irish are determined to advance, with the church preferably, but withont it if necessary. It is the church that must now decide whether it wants to be the spiritual partner in new Ireland's experiment with the future or whether it is content instead to be an irrelevant, negative presence on the sidelines, ignoring the positive aspects of change but croaking "I told you so" at every misfortune on the route.

The divorce between church and state may have finally come through but a better governed, more humble and more human church could still win custody of the nation's soul.

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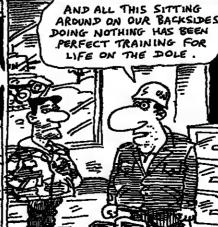
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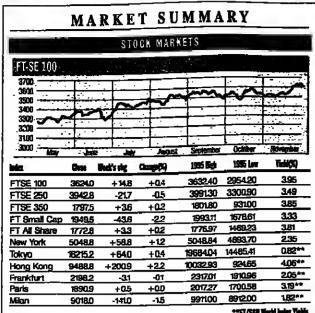
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IN BRIEF

Electronics wins bank paper chase

Electronic transactions overtook paper in the UK high street banking sector for the first time earlier this year. According to analysts at Merrill Lynch, volumes of paper such as cheques now account for 46.9 per cent of the total, down from 50 per cent at the start of the year. The investment bank forecasts that for 1995 as a whole there will be 2.1 billion paper transactions and 2.3 billion electronic. A 4 per cent erosion in "market share," as reported for paper transactions, means a switch of 174 million transactions from paper to electronic. The accelerating shift towards electronic transactions at automated tellers and their like is expected to lead to further large job cuts as hanks continue

Signet denies talks with Ratner

Signet yesterday denied that it had held any discussions with ousted chief executive Gerald Ratner about selling parts of the jewellery group. Mr Ratner, whose name the group once bore, is reported to be attempting to line up venture capital hacking to huy back the Ernest Jones and H Samuel chains. He is also said to be seek-ing a strong City name to act as chairman, acknowledging that he could not raise the necessary capital on his own.

Crucial Littlewoods meeting tomorrow

The future of the Littlewoods football pools and retail empire could be decided tomorrow at a crucial meeting of the 32 Moores family shareholders who control the group. The two-day gathering will decide whether to progress the planned £1.2bn hid from former chief executive Barry Dale. It comes ahead of next week's emergency shareholders' meeting where Mr Dale will need a majority vote to gain acess to the books and turn his indicative offer into a full-scale bid.

Welsh Water poised for Swalec strike

Welsh Water is thought to be poised to launch its long-awaited hid for Swalce this week, valuing the regional electricity com-pany for South Wales at about £800m. On Wednesday, Welsh is expected to attempt to win a board recommendation from Swalec, but is set to press on with a hostile offer if it is rejected. The bid would value Swalec shares at around 860p.

£375m offer expected for Amec

The triangular bid moves surrounding Amec, the UK construction group, are expected to see the Norwegian group Kvaerner pitch in with an offer worth £375m either today or tomorrow. The 100p hid for the ordinary shares would be at the same price as last week's dawn raid that netted Kvaerner 10 per cent of its target and is likely to be in cash. The move will force Amec to work hard to convince the City that its all-paper offer for rival contractor Alfred McAlpine, launched on Friday, makes sense. Amee's defence will argue that analysis' forecasts of £25m profits for next year are 100 low and that overseas contracts have yet to show their potential.

Cadbury most admired company

Cadbury Schweppes has overtaken Rentokil as the company most admired by Britain's top-ranking executives. At the other end of the spectrum, Trafalgar House in 250th place and Eurotun-nel one notch above, vic with each other as the most despised. The rankings come from the latest annual survey by Management Today magazine in conjunction with Loughborough University Business School, which asked senior managers to rank their peers.

£20m value placed on drugs firm

PolyMASC Pharmaceuticals is to be valued at around £20m when it comes to the Alternative Investment Market. The company is to raise roughly £5m from an offer of about 25 per cent of its shares. The main products are polymer coatings used for existing drugs.

Markets expect Clarke fireworks

DIANE COYLE Economics Correspondent

Expectations are growing that Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Exchequer, will deliver a dramatic Budget when he stands up in the House of Commous tomorrow, despite behind-the-scenes attempts last week to play down the size of tax cuts.

Nick Knight, a prominent ity of London strategist at Japanese bank Nomura, said: What would be the point of fudging what could be his last Budget? He will be bold one way or the other."

Financial markets firmly expect both tax cuts and a fall in interest rates in the weeks af-

rates paid in the money markets, which led Halifax Building Society to reduce its rates on investment accounts on Friday a move that usually precedes a drop in base rates.

faces the risk of a run on sterling if financial markets think he is giving away too much on taxes. The pound weakened sharply a fortnight ago after "au-thoritative reports" that tax cuts would amount to £5bn. Sterling has recovered only in the past few days due to mar-

sury was trying to scale hack expectations. Neil MacKinnon, chief economist at Citibank investment Sociéte Générale, said there was

ket perceptions that the Trea-

down at all well."

The reaction by financial markets to the Budget is crucial. It will be the deciding factor in whether there is room for a fall Other City analysis warn, however, that the Chancellor and in mortgage rates. and in mortgage rates.

Bijal Shah, an economist at
Smith New Court, said: "Lower

mortgage rates are the best way to put money into people's pockets. The market reaction is likely

to be mixed, analysts said yes-terday. David Owen at Kleinwort Benson said expectations about the scale of tax cuts had room for disappointment."

been building. "There is a lot of Corey Miller, a strategist at

about the Budget, but it had al-ready been priced into the stock

Kevin Darlington, at brokers Hoare Govett, said financial markets were likely to give the Chancellor the benefit of the doubt immediately after the Budget. "But over time they could regurgitate what they might swallow instantaneously." Hopes for reductions in per-

sonal taxes that would come into effect next April range widely, from £2bn-£10bn with a cluster around £3bn. Income tax reductions are firmly expected, with 1p off the basic rate seen as the most likely option. Mortgage lenders still hold out some hope for a package to stimulate the housing market – perhaps

This has already cut interest bank, said: "Tax cuts without a high degree of optimism the abolition of stamp duty—detes paid in the money markets, spending cuts would not go about the Budget, but it had alspite recent City optimism about house prices.

Health and education will be shielded from the spending axe. This is likely to cut most heavily into capital expenditure, especially the roads and housing programmes. The Government is likely to announce a greatly expanded Private Finance Ini-

tiative to fill this gap.

Some £3bn will he found from the normal reduction in the contingency reserve - funds set aside for unforeseen spending, which are always cut as the financial year to which they apply draws nearer. Other departmental spending plans, such as defence and trade and industry, will also be cut back to

There are fears in the City that the Chancellor could also announce tax increases to make the public finances add up in a way that will keep sterling out of danger. A higher insurance premium tax is seen as a frontrunner, while higher taxes on the privatised utilities cannot be

ruled out. Richard Kersley, equity strategist at BZW, said: "The market has focused on likely winners. People have not paid attention to the fact that a broadly neutral Budget would create as many losers as win-ners." He said that attention was likely to switch to the opinion polis and Labour Party policies as soon as this year's Budget was out of the way.

Gavyn Davies, page 19

Watchdog warns on British Gas upheavals

MARY FAGAN Industrial Correspondent

Clare Spottiswoode, the gas industry watchdog, has warned of the damaging effect of boardroom upheavals at British Gas on communications with the regulator and on the company

Ms Spottiswoode has already told Richard Giordano, chairman, of her concern and is expected to raise it again at a meeting tomorrow, primarily in-tended to discuss the future of Transco, the company's pipeline Ms Spottiswoode feels that on

some important issues it is not clear who, on the British Gas board, has responsibility, and who she should talk to. The problem is thought to have become worse since last month's sweeping boardroom changes that left Cedric Brown, chief executive, as the only member of the old guard.

Ms Spottiswoode said: "Mr Giordano has been there for two years, three executive directors have gone and only one replacement made. I sincerely hope they get it sorted out." Her criticism comes amid

hig changes in the industry. Ofgas is in the throes of deciding how to regulate the British Gas pipeline - the company's need to use. The watchdog is troversy since it was revealed price control for domestic con-

sumers after the present price formula expires in 1997. The board shake-out – the

biggest since Mr Giordano became chairman in January 1994 - included the abrupt departure of Russell Herbert, the 51year-old executive director with responsibilities including the global gas husiness. His duties have been assumed by Stephen Brandon, who recently joined the board from General Electric of the US.

It was also announced that Howard Dalton, who has re-sponsibilities including exploration and production, would retire "in due course". Norman Blacker, whose dutries cover Europe and the UK gas trading operations, resigned as execu-tive board member this month. Ms Spottiswoode also holds

the view that competition should help not only UK gas consumers but the company itself - making it stronger and more robust to compete in the global marketplace.
It is taking a long time. The

company has had huge challenges to cope with and is responding well. But we do not yet see a world-class company emerging," she said. British Gas is struggling to

fight its way back into the nation's favour after a year of public relations fiascos. The group also consulting on the future last November that Mr Brown's



Clare Spottiswoode: wants to know who is responsible

per cent to £475,000. reputation from one of being highly regarded by the public regulator.

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in the domestic gas market The demise of British Gas's from next spring – a timetable putation from one of being imposed by the Government that has been widely, but quihas astonished the City and is etly, criticised as being too tight. The resulting upheaval caused a deterioration in some

Neil's £300m offer for 'Express' fuels City sale pressure

MATHEW HORSMAN

Lord Stevens, chairman of United News & Media, is ex-pected to face increasing pres-sure from the City to sell the Express newspapers, following revelations that a consortium led by Andrew Neil was willing to hid up to £300m for the Daily Express and the Sunday Ex-

Mr Neil, former editor of the Sunday Times, has teamed up with John Dux, former managing director of News International, Rupert Murdoch's UK newspaper company. Mr Neil said yesterday that Lord

He added that Lord Stevens wants to keep his toy. The question is, will be continue to call the tune? This is a serious hid from serious people for serious money."

Deutsche Morgan Grenfell

has lined up financing for the consortium, while Arthur Andersen, the accounting and con-sulting firm, has advised on

the business plan.

It is believed a firm offer in the range of £250m-£300m would gain the backing of institutional shareholders of United News, as well as at least some of the non-executive directors. The under-performing national United's share price back, deoperations. Analysts said the shares could benefit from a rerating if the national newspapers were sold.

Mr Neil has recently worked as a freelance journalist, since returning from a stint in the US. "I've been in a lucky position."

"I don't have to do anything. I'm quite satisfied remaining a freelance journalist, and I'm making a lot of money."

He is also behind a compan

developing a pay-TV "hlack box" to rival Mr Murdoch's BSkyB near-monopoly. But, he says, Mr Murdoch's compentors, including the cable com-panies, "are like rabbits facing Said yesterday that the said to sell the titles. All he said to us was that if we want to make on the couldn't stop us."

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Mr Neil is not alone in expressing an interest in the Express group. Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, the composer, has also discussed a separate bid for the titles, offering £100m towards a £300m hid with partners. Tony O'Reilly, chief executive of Irish-based Iodependent Newspapers, is rumoured to be interested, either with Sir Andrew or on his own.

But the appointment last week of a former Daily Mail senior editor, Richard Addis, as editor of the Daily Express, and former deputy editor of the Sunday Times, Sue Douglas, as edsuggested to analysts that Lord last November that Mr Brown's

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'£6m payment' renews fat-cat row

MAGNUS GRIMOND

The Labour Party yesterday used an alleged £6m payment to Ray McEnhill, former chief executive of the privatised coach group National Express, to reopen its attack on the Government's privatisation programme.

The money, said to have been paid by a former husiness associate, would make Mr McEnhill the wealthiest executive yet to emerge from the privatisation process. It is set to revive the storm over "fat cat" directors of former nationalised companies.

think the public will be aston-ished that there is so much cash Mational Express, were the moving force hehind a £10m floating around the privatised utilities. It confirms the suspicion that they were privatised at knock-down prices, rather than that they have been highly successful trading entities."

Mr McEnhill is said to have

received the money last year as a "thank you present" from Dawson Williams, a former husiness partner. Mr Williams is now chairman of British Bus, the Salishury-based hus group whose stock market flotation has been delayed by a Serious Fraud Office investigation into its bankers. Bank of Boston. Alistair Darling, Labour's

spokesman on the City, said: "I Mills, deputy chief executive of

management buy-in at National Express in 1991. As part of their Drawlane group, Nation-al Express was turned round into profit and brought to the stock market in December 1992. But it was thought that certain bus interests acquired by

same rating as the National Express long-distance coach op-

As a result, Mr Williams parted company with his former partners, taking the Drawlane hus interests with him to form the basis of what became British Bus and Mr McEnhill gave up his stake in the company for "a and Mr Williams".

few pounds".

Five year trading performance

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Last year Mr Williams netted a profit of £9m on selling part of his stake in British Bus to venture capitalists. He is thought to have made the £6m payment to Mr McEnhill to thank him for standing by him in tougher times. An adviser said yesterday it was "entirely within his char-Drawlane would not achieve the acter" for Mr Williams to make such gestures. It is understood that the transfer did not result from any written contract.

National Express had no comment to make yesterday.about the payment to its former chief executive, which it said was "a personal matter between Mr McEnhill



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Lord Forte stands aside in bid battle

JOHN SHEPHERD and MATHEW HORSMAN

Lord Forte is to take a back seat

in the Forte company's defence against Granada' hostile £3.3bn bid, which threatens to push one of the UK's higgest family husiness dynasties into the shadows. The 87-year-old Lord Forte

of Ripley, who built up the family ice-cream parlour husiness into the largest hotel company in the country, will stand aside, leaving Sir Rocco, his son, to take the lead in meetings of the full board and with the company's advisers.

Lord Forte, who celebrated his hirthday yesterday, stepped down from day-to-day involvement in the company's affairs a couple of years ago but remains life president and still at-

tends board meetings.
A spokesman for Forte confirmed yesterday that "Lord Forte will not be directly involved. He wants to leave Rocco to run the show." The leading family members

have clearly shown that they will

not see the husiness dynasty

crumble without a tough fight.
Sir Rocco has fired off a salvo

of personal attacks against Gerry Rohinson, chief executive of Granada, since the hid was launched last Wednesday.

There were signs over the weekend, however, that the two sides were aiming to calm things down. Mr Robinson said yesterday: "We want this hid to be depersonalised. We are hidding for a public company." A spokesman for the Forte

camp backed Mr Rohinson's call to end the personal mnd-slinging, adding. "Of course, there has been a degree of anger. Lord Forte believes the com-

pany can remain independent and added: "We don't need [a white knight]. We already have a knight, my son Rocco."

Mr Robinson said: "The issue is very straightforward. Forte

has failed its shareholders on every measure over the past five years. Suddenly they are talking about hrands, new management and board changes ... hut it's too late."

Leisure analysts believe that

Forte will have to devise a rad-

ical defence plan to beat Grana-

da, even though the City

believes that the television com-

351 342 584 Shareholders' funds Earnings per share 39.1p dends per share 11.75p. pany has not yet put a high

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enough offer on the table. Forte's five-year financial record displays several recessionary scars. Profits have been up and down like a yo-yo, and shareholders suffered a dividend cut three years ago and no increase since.

In contrast, Granada has

four years following the dive into the red in 1990/91, when the group suffered losses of £110m. The dividend has consistently improved, and last week the total for the 1994/95 year was lift-

ed 17.5 per cent to 11.75p. Shareholders will not be alone in sharing in Granada's trading improvements. Advisers grown profits in each of the past will collect £70m in bid fees.

GAVYN DAVIES

The bad news is that the pervading sense of pessimism in the economy, especially in the consumer sector, could make firms unwilling to hold stocks in the hope that final demand may eventually revive'

Politics points to the wrong Budget strategy When Norman Lamont announced in 1993 that the traditional spring Bud-

get date would henceforward be moved forward to November, I was one of the few people who thought this was a bad idea. I still do. Although there is the superficial advantage that tax and spending plans are now announced on the same day, it is hard to understand why this is thought crucial. A much more important principle is to

take economic decisions at the last possible moment from an administrative point of view, so that policy can always incorporate the most up-to-date information. Under the new arrangement, tax plans are announced four full months before they need be and, in those four months, much can change. The unnecessary four-month lag is particularly important this year, since there is a severe risk that the behaviour of the economy could change markedly over that period.

Not that the Budget documentation will recognise this risk. It is usually quite easy to forecast what will be contained in the Treasury's forecast. Tomorrow's official view is likely to show real GDP growth of 2.5 per cent in 1996, with underlying inflation at the end of next year also at 2.5 per cent. But while this will be the central expectation, it has probably been entered into the Budget Red Book with a rather shaky hand by Alan Budd and his Treasury team.

The problem is that output growth may be about to take a severe dent from a sharp turnaround in the stock-building cycle. Gold-man Sachs has just downgraded its 1996 GDP forecast from 2.7 to 1.7 per cent, and many other forecasters are probably just on the point of doing something similar.

A serious setback to activity would catch | At that stage, companies were eager to build politicians on both sides of the fence | stocks for two reasons. First, there were fears unawares. It is my strong impression that Westminster is basically assuming the economy is performing well, and that it will con-tinue to do so right through to the election. All hell would break loose in the Tory Party if there were a prolonged period of rising unemployment during the winter. This is no longer a remote possibility. At minimum, the next few months could see some really gruesome manufacturing output figures. As this column pointed out last week, the word from firms in continental Europe has become

increasingly grim in recent weeks, and this is bound to impact UK export sales soon. Much of the downturn in European activity has stemmed from the inventory cycle, and the same is now true of the UK. During 1994, when Britain's GDP grew by 4.3 per cent, the accumulation of stocks was

stocks for two reasons. First, there were fears of continuing rises in commodity prices, so companies decided to stockpile primary goods. Second, there was increasing confidence that final demand would accelerate in 1995, and companies began to build up stocks of finished goods in anticipation of rising sales. In the first half of 1995, changing perceptions about commodity prices and final demand caused firms to rethink stock levels; ever since, they have been trying to

reduce the quantity of goods on the shelves. Unfortunately, they have not yet succeeded. Over the past year, the level of stocks has actually risen by 4.4 per cent, more than double the rate of growth in output. As a result the stock/output ratio has risen in a worrying fashion. For example, in manufacturing, the stock/output ratio has risen by 4.1 per cent in the past 12 months, compared with a long-term trend decline of 2-3 per cent



a year. Most recently, things have become even worse. During the third quarter, the rise in stocks accounted for the whole of the 0.4 per cent increase in GDP. Other components

of demand contributed nothing at all. A rise in the stock/output ratio is quite normal in the upswing phase of the cycle. But the CBl survey, and other business surveys, are clearly showing that companies are increasingly eager to get rid of these excess stocks. The November Monthly Trends Enquiry by the CBt recorded a balance of 18 per cent of companies saying the stocks of finished goods are too high, against 6 per

cent in the spring. More worrying still, the gap in the CBI survey between what firms say they want to see happening to stocks in future, and what has actually happened, is even higher than it was when the economy entered recession in 1990. This suggests a near-record build-up of unwanted inventory. It is anyone's guess how fast these excessive goods on the shelves will be whittled down to more normal levels. If companies expect 1996 to be a good year for sales, they may be tolerant about the current level of stocks. If they begin to doubt the sustainability of growth, they might decide to curtail stocks rapidly, and they could only do this by slashing out-

put for a while. What is a reasonable central estimate of the speed of this adjustment? The good news is that companies have a strong cush flow position and the cost of financing stocks is

The bad news is that the pervading sense of pessimism in the economy, especially in consumer sector, could make them will reduce the growth rate of GDP by about 1 per cent on average in the 1996 calendar year, and by somewhat more in the next six months. Like all forecasts which are crucially hased on a guesstimate of how stocks will behave, this projection should be seen as

having a particularly wide margin of error. But the chances of a period of declining output in the manufacturing sector, with a clear renewed rise in unemployment, are definitely rising.
It would still he surprising if this turned

into a serious recession, but policy now needs to take account of this possibility – especially since the drop in manufacturing activity will greatly increase the chances of the Government bitting its inflation target in two years. In the absence of an impending election.

the correct macro-economic strategy would be to leave the overall level of personal taxes unchanged; to increase public spending on the infrastructure, taking advantage of the slack in the construction sector; and to reduce interest rates for the duration of the stock shake-out, probably increasing them again in 6-12 months.

Sadly, political imperative points to the

opposite - personal tax hribes, financed by further cuts in public infrastructure spending, and with a path for the PSBR that will make interest rate cuts harder to achieve than they need be. But then no one ever said that good politics and good economics need always coincide.

Wealth warning: The invasion of London by foreign banks has significantly raised the level of strategic influence they wield

EMU key to City's future

The City will suffer if Britain stays out of European monetary union. The warning is delivered with a faint smile, but Ronaldo Schmitz's words carry cold calculation. "We would not anticipate a major shift of business out of London, at least not in the short term. But things will be much easier if the UK joins, because we shall not have to review our decisions, strategy and policies.

Mr Schmitz, 57, chairman of Deutsche Morgan Grenfell and hoard member of Deutsche Bank, is one of the growing hand of senior foreign financiers who have lately adopted London as the centre of their investment banking operations. Their influence is for the most part still discreet, but increasingly powerful within the changing landscape of the City.

Dentsche's decision last year to centre its global investment banking operations in London around Morgan Grenfell, which it had bought at the end of the Eighties, marked a watershed for Germany's most powerful financial group. All the large Ger-

man banks have followed suit. A potent combination of fate, in the case of Barings, and remorseless competitive pressures from big-halance sheet houses, has seen an unprecedented number of British merchant banks, the leading broker and a fund manager, fall to the foreign invaders. Their significant investments have bolstered London's position as Europe's financial capital. But the size and speed of the shift in the balance towards foreign ownership has fuelled concerns about who controls the City's future, should circumstances change.

EMU could be one such event. Deutsche took its decision to focus on London well aware of Britain's Euro-angst, hut confident that, as has usually happened in the past, it will not want to be left out. "I think the process under way in the City will also play a role in defining the UK's attitude towards EMU," says Mr Schmitz.

Deutsche put immense efforts into building up Frankfurt as its investment hanking centre. But by 1994 it finally conceded it could not work, a decision whose implications reverberated throughout the Ger-

man husiness establishment, "Investment banking is, culturally speaking, an Anglo-Saxon business, driven by impulses from the most inventive financial culture in the world. New York. In building our operation,

When we saw the opportunity, we grabbed'

we realised the importance of using elements from an investment bank, Morgan Grenfell, and not those from the hureaucracy of commercial

"It is also easier to speak Eng-lish in London than Frankfurt, and to attract the talent that is crucial if you want to grow quickly.

THE MONDAY INTERVIEW

RONALDO SCHMITZ

With acquisitive foreigners still rustling their chequebooks around the City, those alarmed that Britain is losing control of its financial capital are unlikely to find comfort. But with that cultivated internationalism and fluent mid-Atlantic English typical of so many top German husinessmen, Mr Schmitz, who spent several years in New York for his previous firm, the chemicals giant BASF, feels chauvinism has little place any more in truly global markets. "In the old days the customer paid a lot of attention to where a product came from. Made in Germany was important. But the Japanese were the first to convince consumers that it is not impor-

from, but the brand quality."
He added: "The great advantage of Britain is that it has traditionally been good at absorbing elements, capital or people, from the outside, and making them feel part of the establishment, integrating them for the benefit of the country. In 10 years, this latest foreigner influx into the City will have been shaped along Anglo-Saxon traditions and lines, and with it the influence emanating from London will increase."

tant where something comes

But even if belatedly, corporate Germany has been changing too, waking up to the cost advantages of producing abroad and raising finance on international capital markets. This has

the German remuneration system, so we put the Frankfurt investment bankers on a more adequate compensation. But there were other shocks. You are not just talking about inforced once conservative banks troducing different cultures. like Deutsche to seek foreign hut also very different skill levpastures and inspiration. Having sat around doing litels, people who are used to

tle with Morgan Grenfell for working at very high, demandseveral years, Deutsche's deciing levels. sion finally in use London as the In its global amhitions, wantspringboard for its ambitions to ing to measure itself against the be in the premier league of Wall Street giants, Deutsche is global investment banking powfar from alone. Its domestic rierhouses unleashed a dash for val, Dresdner, wants to do the growth that has frayed not a few same with the help of Kleinwort tempers in the City. Since the Benson. Then there are SBC beginning of the year, Deutsche Warburg and UBS, ING Bar-Morgan Grenfell has hired 120 ings and ABN Amro, not forgetting the British contingent of Nat West Markets, BZW and people, most of them in London, and many of them heavy hitters. Complaints from rivals All are regrouping in London for the assault. But they cannot about excessive chequebook poaching grew fouder. "When

all succeed in a such a ferociously competitive business. "You need three things to win. A top rating, a strong capital base, and talent. Since we

have the first two, we have been concentrating on skills." Moreover, it is not a battle of equals in Mr Schmitz's view, because of the vital importance of the client base. "Deutsche Bank has traditionally been close to the big corporations of the world. We can tap into this strong position. The British banks, too, have traditionally had international corporate re-

lationships. But the Swiss, the

Dutch and the French don't

have this. It is very tough to break into new clients." John Eisenhammer



Power shift: Ronaldo Schmitz, chairman of Deutsche Morgan Grenfell

Wu do you think you are kidding?

It was typical of the flamboy-ance of Hong Kong busi-nessman Gordon Wu to make a record-breaking donation of \$100m (£64m) to Princeton University recently. It was equally typical, say his critics, that he arranged to pay the money in stages and that there was some small print about matching donations before the full amount was paid.

Mr Wu has a habit of doing things in stages and the deadlines for the stages have a habit of being passed without fulfilment. None of this, however, has dissuaded bevies of fund

fawning journalists from beating HONG KONG a path to his door. He has presented him-

self as a visionary, the man who really understands Asia's infrastructure needs and has found a way for the private sector to work with governments in meeting their requirements, without having to dip directly in the national coffers. His flagship company,

Hopewell Holdings, was popping np all over Asia, an-nouncing deals to build power stations, roads and all manner of other projects. At first Hopewell's focus was on China, then it moved south to parts of South East Asia and then north

to India and Pakistan. The newspapers were filled with pictures of a smiling Mr Wu in the company of political leaders whose countries were about to receive the benefit of a Hopewell scheme. Gradually He's full of ideas for solving Asia's infrastructure problems. But can he turn them into reality?

the pictures of smiling faces gave way to reports of bitter disagreement between Hopewell and practically all its Chinese joint venture partners. In the Philippines, power projects were mired in litigation, and in Thailand the government be-came so fed up with delays to Mr Wu's road, rail and mass transit project that the deputy prime minister, Thaksin Shi-nawatra, publicly described Hopewell as and VIEW FROM "Hopeiess and ings". Name-calling

> coliapse Hopewell's share price is another, more se-rious, matter. More than 40 per cent has been wiped off the price of Hopewell's shares since

is one thing, a

their high point this year.
It has taken time, and the release of some disturbing figures, for investors to finally realise that Mr Wu talks a great story but rarely delivers. One of his better stories concerns the turnkey project to build a so called "super-highway" from the Hong Kong border to the Chinese regional capital of Canton. Mr Wu first told his shareholders that HK\$9.4bp (£780m) had been budgeted for the highway's' construction. He has now revealed that another HK\$5.4bn (£448m) is required. Cost inflation does not, however, end there; the second

tain that additional funding will be required.

Some Hopewell watchers believe that the total cost will end up being around double the sum budgeted. Not only is the highway way off budget, it is also way off schedule. Completion was due by the end of 1993, and during that year Mr Wu promised to jump into Hong Kong's Vic-toria Harbour if the project was not completed. The harbour's waters remain unruffled by his bulky presence. Moreover, it seems that usage of the part of the road that has opened is far below projections.

Over in Bangkok, the Thai government is furning about the late completion of Hopewell's elevated road, rail and mass transit project. Costs, according to Mr. Wu, may rise to HK.\$30bn -as opposed to the HK\$24.5bn originally estimated. Recently the Thai government reluc-tantly decided to allow Hopewell to continue with the project, despite the fact that only a tiny part of the work has been completed. Assurances have been given that the road part of the project would be fin-ished by June 1998 and the rail

system by December 1999. As project delays mounted so did Hopewell's debt. The accounts for the year to 30 June show debts of HK\$7.1bn, producing gearing of 60 per cent. Dehts are forecast to rise bephase of the project remains un- yourd HK\$9bn in the coming

completed and it is almost cer- year, yet he claims that the debtto-asset ratio is 32 per cent. As the impact of these figures

we-first-made our announce-ment in October 1994 about in-

vestment banking, we could not have realistically enter-

tained the ambition to hire 120

people. But then things in the

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saw the opportunity, we grabbed," said Mr Schmitz, "We

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banking world, and their infi-

nitely higher remuneration

packages, clashed with the staid

hierarchies of Frankfurt. Re-

sentment was rife. But Deutsche had made its choice.

"It was impossible to build an

investment bank and maintain

Not all has been sweetness

was being digested there were dark mutterings of pressure from the Hongkong Bank, Hopewell's main lender. Hopewell maintained a complete silence on this and other matters. A number of requests for interviews with Mr Wu were turned down. However last week Mr Wu suddenly agreed to an im-

promptu session with the media, at which he said that because investors seemed to be so concerned about debt, he would create a debt-free com-pany. He talked of selling off stakes in the super-highway for some HK\$40bn - and of selling a part of the Bangkok project. The basis of his valuation of these projects is tenuous to the point of incredulity. The superhighway is not expected to make money for another 10 years and it is anyone's guess when the Bangkok project will be completed.

However, selling assets is something of a Wu speciality. Every year since 1990, Hopewell has been selling off property assets to make its bottom line look better. In so doing it has been depriving itself of an important revenue- earning stream. Two years ago this started to take its toll. The last set of results, for the year to June 1995, show that a mere 21 per cent of operating profit

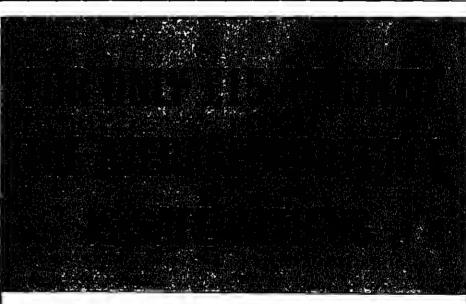


Gordon Wu: man of vision

was derived from its core busiset sales and treasury operation

A rights issue to clear some of the deht is pretty much out of the question. More borrowings would push gearing to astronomical levels and so Mr Wu plans to sell more of the family silver. Or does he? A day after the media briefing, the board of Hopewell issued a statement which read: "The directors wish to emphasise that the consideration of the disposa is at an early stage and as such the disposal may or may not

proceed." The directors have now managed to sow confusion where there was previously doubt. The chickens may be coming home to roost for one of Hong Kong's few companies which showed real signs of global vision and innovation. The problem is that the vision was not combined with the means to execute it.



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TODAY

Companies
Profits at distribution group Christian Salvesen are expected to be flat for the third consecutive year. Profits at the half-year stage should come in at around £41.5m The hot summer weather increased costs of running the UK refrigerated truck fleet which

pul pressure on margins. In Europe there is better news with new contracts won nesses have been performing in Holland and France. First- strongly. half profits at the food processing division are expected to to see if the board has shifted be down by 30 per cent after a slump in the pea crop.
Interims: European Colour,
Finals: Euromoney, Morland. Merrydown, Neepsend, Seeboard, Arthur Shaw.

Finals: Tunstall Group. AGMs: Allied Leisure, Azlan. Lloyds Bank, Serif, Sunset &

TOMORROW

The Budget will overshadow the rest of the day's business be compared with recent fig-

news, with the markets braced for tax cuts and other boosts to consumer expenditure.

Elsewhere, Severn Trent continues the water companies' reporting season with Yorkshire Water and South West to follow later in the week.

to £175m according to Nat West Securities. Both the main water utility and waste management busi-

Half-year profits at Severn

Trent are expected to edge np

The market will be watching its stance on buying back 10 per cent of the company's shares. AGMs: Biocure, Hi-Tec Sports, Lucas Industries.

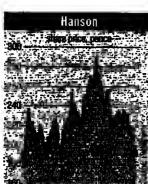
WEDNESDAY

The supermarket sector will be centre stage again with results from Argyli, the Safeway

ures from both Sainsbury and Analysts are forecasting a 4-

5 per cent rise in pre-tax prof-its to around £214m at the halfway stage. Profits will be restrained by the cost of the Safeway 2000 review of the

At the trading level, like-for-like sales could have increased



by as much as 6 per cent,

helped by a good summer. Profits at Tate & Lyle should show healthy growth to around £302m for last year. However, analysts are forecasting a tough 1996 for the group. The latest development regarding the US Farm Bill do not look helpful. Next year's forecasts are expected to be lowered to around

£315m. Interims: Evans of Leeds, Marston Thompson, Mid Kent Holdings, Northamber. Finals: John Waddington, Yorkshire Water.

THURSDAY

Companies
Full-year profits at Hanson are forecast to rise from £1bn to £1.35bn. City attention will be focused on an expected increase in the dividend and a profits update at Quantum, the chemicals business.

business is another possibility. However the company will be under pressure to convince the market that there is still value in the current business portiolio.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Quantum Chemicals will account for the bulk of the profits increase with its increase with its contribution forecast to rise from £121m to £440m. Net rho, St Ives. debt, including the Eastern Electricity deal, should rise to around £4.5bn, giving gearing of 115 per cent. This makes dis-

Full year profits at Grand Metropolitan are expected to be flat at £1.07bn though the outlook is encouraging.
Food operations helped by

posals likely.

January's acquisition of Pet should perform strongly though the drinks division will be affected by one -off factor such as the loss of the Absolut vodka franchise.

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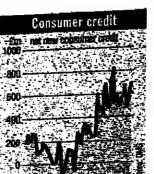
FRIDAY

Wolverhampton and Dudley, the Midlands brewer, is expected to increase only mod-est profits growth despite the good summer. Profits for the half-year are forecast to be £42.3m.

This underlines the difficulties facing the group with its tied pub estate that includes a number of outlets facing longterm decline. The Camerons acquisition is not yet making a

Interims: Vendome.
Finals: McCarthy & Stone.
AGMs: Argent, Eleco Holdings, Honeysuckle, Manganese
Bronze, Manchester United, Prestwick Holdings, Unigate.

Priday brings the only other sig-nificant economic news this week. The Purchasing Man-agers' Survey will give the lat-est indication of the degree of slowdown in manufacturing. The recent pattern of slower



significant contribution to the bottom line.

growth and weaker price pressures is likely to be repeated.

The whole world visible trade deficit is expected to have been slightly lower in September than August, but still around film. still around £1bn. Figures from the Bank of England on consumer credit

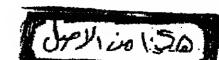
are expected to show another big increase in October Partial figures from the British Bankers' Association have already indicated that consumer lending by the high street banks reached record levels in the month.

The Nationwide house price index for November will be released, followed at the weekend by the Halifax index.

Overseas, the US National Association of Purchasing Managers' survey will indicate whether the pace of expansion in US manufacturing is slow-

Many analysts on Wall Street expect the Federal Re-serve to reduce interest rates soon, but strong figures in the next week or two could dampen those hopes.

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TIME WON'T WAIT was a hundles winner in 1993-94 and landed his first five races and six in all when switched to the larger obstacles last term. Unplaced on his first two outings this season, he returned to score by 12 lengths at Stratford last month and beat Full O' Praise by seven lengths at Hoydock 12 days ago. Northern Sandler was 15 lengths about of Dear Do under 12st at Newton Abbox two weeks ago and, though raised Sho, will shoulder 10th less here.

Selection: TIME WON'T WAIT.

SETTING: 11-8 Bear Class, 13-8 Hebridean, 9-2 King Lucitor, 10-1 Filroni, 12-1 Darleyfordbay, 16

BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICE CHASE (QUALIFIER) (CLASS

E) £4,000 added 2m 4f 110yds Penalty Value £3,155

WORCESTER

1.20 Barna Boy 1.50 Ambieskie Harvest

2.20 Bear Claw

Better improves Brooks' ranking

A ceptacles and shredded tickets there was the debris of a broken image for workmen to shovet up at Newhury on Saturday.

The Hennessy Gold Cup had gone to Couldnt Be Better, a hurse trained hy Charlie Brooks, who is probably too much for some of the old school. In a sport where the upper echelons are almost exclusively in tweeds and ringing with public school accents, Brooks has the right background. He wears the gear and bas snaps of his days at Eton in the alhum.

However, when it comes to aristocratic reserve, it is hard to get Charlie's reading off zero. He may have been born with a silver spoon in his mouth, but he is one of those few privileged chaps who would not mind shoving a hot dog in there as

When he wins it becomes plainly obvious (he does not confine his celebration to just among owners) and when he comes into view his presence also becomes plainly obvious. Saturday's deviation from the traditional garb of the brotherhood was his favourite long, canary gaberdine.

In addition, his presence on the news pages (his relationship with Miriam Francome gets the society hacks in a lather of ner in the hig race, Black Huexcitement) probably lead many to believe he did not have the qualities for the job. Like Lanfranco Dettori hefore him, the jealous considered he was having too much damned fun to be a true professional. As with Dettori, they will now have to recoosider. Saturday should finally leave in rubble the thought that Charlie Brooks is something of a dilettante.

This trainer, beoeath the smiles and countenance which suggests he is something less than his 33 years, is desperately competitive. He once told this reporter that the day be thinks he cannot keep at the highest level will be the day he rummages in the desk for the P45. The paperwork can lay undis-



COMMENTARY

EDMONDSON

turbed after the events of the weekend (the Uplands yard also captured the Fighting Fifth Hurdle at Newcastle with Padre Mio), though Brooks himself was not in dancing mood immediately after the Hennessy. The trainer had been under a general anaethestic for a knee operation on Thursday and, udging from his somhre reaction, it appeared there was still dopiness in his body. He felt slightly empty because he had

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Relkowen (Worcester 12.50) NB: Tallywagger (Kelso 2.00)

insisted that Graham Bradley. his riding lieutenant, should partner the stable's other runmour. "I feel a bit guilty because l made Brad ride Black Hu-mour," Brooks said. "The first thing he did when he came back was congratulate mc. He's a first class hloke. He seemed more pleased than I did."

Bradley was also praised by winning rider Dean Gallagher, the beneficiary of wise words on how to ride Couldnt Be Better. The wisdom, and indeed clarity, of their conversation was far more contentious oo Saturday eveoing after the pair had joined a large party at the Queen's Arms in Lambourn.

The Hennessy had also been a hig moment for Gallagher. At 26, the man from Co Kildare is oot a buzz jockey in hetting been caused by the ch shops, but Brooks said: "He jockey's sigh of relief.

might be underestimated by the racing public but he isn't by

the racing professionals."
When it came to Gallagher's own assessment of his performance, someone had hidden the trumpet. "I just had to keep the horse balanced, get him jumping and make sure be got the trip," the jockey said. "He could have won with 12st un his back. I've ridden Dubacilla into second place in a Gold Cup, so I know what it takes to win it. He's in that class."

The bookmakers have yet to be convinced however and Ladbrokes (not known as purveyors of unnecessary kindness) have Couldnt Be Better at 25-1 for Cheltenham next March. What is undisputed, though, is that the gelding's display saved a race that became dangerous-ly adjacent to an anti-climax after One Man's late withdrawal. For a while the crowd's mood was as black as the 5ky.

Ante-post bets were lost un the grey (perhaps this explained Ladbrokes's munificence later 00) when Gordon Richards announced the short-priced favourite would not be risked on ground which had turned from porridge flakes to the consistency after milk has been added.

One Man will get another chance to advertise bis Gold Cup prospects, a feat accom-plished at Punchestown on Saturday by Merry Gale. Coral saw the gelding's performance (he did little more than have to stay alive after the early departure of Klairon Davis) as reason to cut his price to 7-1 for 'Cheltenham. Before then the geldiog may reward Bradley elsewhere, as he was yesterday named as the horse's partner for the King George VI Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day.

This weekend's series of events must also have cheered Richard Durwoody, who stuck with Merry Gale despite being offered the ride on One Man. If the wind seemed to he whistling westwards off Newhury on Saturday, it may have been caused by the champion



Heads together: Dean Gallagher in a victory pose with Couldn't Be Better after their Hennesy Gold Cup triumph at Newbury on Saturday

In view of difficulties imposed

by a change in the going a sub-

stantial case could be made for

not risking the favourite, but as

one disgruotled punter put it.

racing is kept alive by the au-

dience, "I doo't think I would-

have come out on a day like this

if I'd thought One Man might

Grain's

Pure Grain may oever race again after suffering a a fracture to her off hind in the Japan Cup yesterday. The Newmarket-trained filly finished 10th, a long

way behind the winner, Lando. Michael Stoute, Pure Grain's trainer, said: "She was trave

Lando, riddeo by Michael Roberts and trained by Heinz Jentzsch, took a first prize worth £1.1m. He was the first German horse to win the Japan Cup since it began in 1981. The

record crowd of 180,760 watched the race.

career in balance

very well for John Reid and looked to have every chance round the turn. But she came off the bridle and that was it."

winner's odds were 13.5 to 1. Japan's Hishi Amazon finished second, fullowed by the French-trained Hernando. A

HYPERION 2.10 Victim Of Love 2.40 Dannistar 3.10 Sweet Supposin 3.40 Domoor 4.10 INDIAHRA (nap) 4.40 Old Provence 5.10 Ballymac Girl

GOING: Sanchard.

STALLS: 7(& Im 61 - outside; remainder - inside.

DEAW ADVANTAGE: High from 61 to 1m 4f.

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Course is north of town on A449 Stafford road. Bus service from Wolverhampton railway staffon (service from Landon Sustan) Im away, ADMISSION: Members \$15; Grandstand \$G. CAP

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VISORED FIRST TIME: Sweet Supposin, Just Flamenco (3.10); Horsetrader (4.40).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: None.
LONG-DETAANCE EUINNERS: Northern Spark (4.10) has been sent 255 rules by Mas I. A Permit from Ayr, Strathofyde.

2.10 RICOH (UK) LTD FILLIES' MAIDEN AUC-TION STAKES (CLASS E) £4,400 added O SEVERLY HILLS (25) J Yills B 5..... O4 VICTING OF LOVE (12) R Charlon B 5. 53 POSEN GOLD (123) P Velicusty B 2. ROMANE A Bailey B 2.... 54 LADY DIGNITY (21) P Minin B 0....

BETTERS: 7-4 Poses Gold. 7-2 Se daris, 9-2 Victim of Love, Lady Digit-

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3.40 SAIT ABRASTVES NURSERY HANDICAP

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4.40 STEELWAY FENCESECURE SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £3,250 added 1m 4f 11. 00-0300 ULAC RAIN (7) J Amold 388.... HETTRIC: 9-4 Old Provence, 9-2 Pistols At Dava, 7-1 Life: Shin, Coest Along, 8-1 Sharp Turill, Just Lucky, Cashmirle, 14-1 others

5.10 THORPE VERNON FILLIES HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,650 added 1m 6f 166yds | CLASS F| Z-3,000 electron |

- 7 declared -BETTING: 5-4 Säver Singer, 9-4 Stallystac Girl, 4-1 Sere Care, 8-1 Cafe Gace, 50-1 Marjan, Tap On Toolsin, 86-1 Fools of Pride

HEBRIDEAN, King Lucider and Bear Claw make their fencing bows, Hebridean had fev

HEISHEDEAN, Ning Locater and Seen Clear make their retrient policy, hebridgen has re-superiors among last Season's Staying, house hunders, 8s he showed when bearing Do-rans Pride five lengths in Assoc's Long Walk Hurdle and, sharpened up by a run over fun-ber behind Libber The Yobber at Chepstow, could take the bearing, King Lucter produced more than useful over hundles with Stratford and Assot victories, but the main danger should be Bear Claw. The five-year-old went from strength to strength when thickned over hurdles, worning at Werlwick (by six lengths from Even Flow), Kempton by 15 lengths and Cheltenham, where he short-headed Treasure Again. Selections HEBRIDEAN. 2.50 SPETCHLEY NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £2,800 added

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FORM GARDE

There should be better still to come from TRICKSDME, who had a good point-to-point record with eight wins and gained his first success under Rules when coming home by a distance from market leader Master Hunter in a marken chase at Plumpton a fortright ago. Locky Again won on that same Plumpton card, beating Victory Anthem 20 lengths, and recorded a faster time, though he were shouldering 20to less. He goes off only a 5th higher mark and may prove Tricksome's mughest mail.

Selection: TRICKSOME. 3.50 LADYWOOD MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS

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The way Charlie Brooks planned it, Dean Gallagher

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HYPERION

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JACK BRITTON MEMORIAL NOVICE CHASE

would tuck Couldnt Be Better in behind the pace until there was only one more fence to negotiate. "In these cooditions it was vital to delay the commitment," he said. Gallagher obeyed the train-

er exactly. Coming past the stands first time around he was comfortably in touch, more or less where Brooks wanted him. The leader, Rough Quest was jumping so well it may have occurred to Gallagher that a decisive move was called for hut he resisted the temptation.

After they turned into the straight Rough Quest's jockey. Jamie Oshorne, probably sensed that he oo longer held a winning advantage in the Hennessy Gold Cup. It had been a hard slog over three-anda-quarter miles in driving rain and Couldn(Be Better was trainer, Gordoo Richards, just suddenly upsides and moving 45 minutes before the race. urgently. "When he soared over Brooks believed in Couldnt Be landscape, Newbury was be-

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Dorcet 3.30 New Charges

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on Monday

the second-last, I knew there was still plenty under me, and after the last he powered away," Gallagher said

In a sodden winner's enclosure you could reflect on the vawith drawn on the advice of his

persistent doubts about the gelding's stamina and the challeoge of his other entry, Black Humour. This resulted in a hig disap-

Better but he could not set aside

Gallagher executes a tall order

comment for Graham Bradley, the stable jockey, who was seot out on Black Humour but in common with the hreed he was philosphical wheo splashing by to the weighing room, "What a smile oo his mud-spattered

It was hardly that for the 26year-old Gallagher who had the best day of his life in the saddle after some disappointments of his own, most obviously in the Gold Cup at Cheltenham last year when he finished second on Dubacilla. "I kept telling myself garies of racing. Even before not to dream about this," he One Man, the favourite, was said, "but that's what this game is all about."

After hours of driving rain that fell over a bleak winter

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3.00 FAMOUS GROUSE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,500 added 2m 2f

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3.30 OSWALD HUGHES AMATEURS MAIDEN HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 2m 6f 110yds

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right now," he said, turned out in a yellow oilskin, a cap pulled bollocks," Bradley said with a low down over his hairline. Nobody could be sure that Brooks fied in giving priority to One had been fully instrumental in the choice of mounts for prospects first but this did not Bradley hut he claimed re-sponsibility. "I wanted to give both horses the best possible

you could imagine that Gal-

lagher barely noticed. He stood

beaming in the drizzle, happi-

y answering all that was put to

Something similar can be

said about Brooks who was

still feeling pain from a knee op-

eratioo. "It doesn't feel so sore

chance," he said, "and thought Brad would get the best out of Black Humour." When conditions grew steadily worse, the downpour

unrelenting, Brooks may have Better's chances which was a

ters suffer."

thought less of Couldn't Be

gining to resemble a swamp but announcement of his defec-

WOLVERHAMPTON

the controversy and how things might have turned out with One Man and Young Hustler, who was also withdrawn, in the

view expressed generally about field. He'd got the ride and One Man's connections on the things had gone swimmingly.

oot be going," he said. Gordon Richards felt justi-Man's welfare and loog-term make him popular around the

betting windows. "This is not just any old handicap," somebody else said. "It's one of the big races, so once again the pun-Gallagher was oblivious to

RUGBY UNION: Students take long-term view and mute their celebrations while Mr Professional takes to the field again

Rodgers talks down his finest moment

here is a ritual to be observed by the protagonists when moving towards the University match, which - for Camhridge - was not served by their 22-14 defeat of Western Samoa, Grange Road has seen 99 years of rugby and, awkwardly, this was one of the jewels in that near-centenary.

So Tony Rodgers, the duffelcoated coach who seems to have been around for every year of the 99, effusively greeted a notable and ooble victory and then re-alised his mistake. Oxford having been trounced 45-17 by the Samoans four days earlier, did this not inevitably install his Light Blues as favourites for Twickenham on 12 December?

Well of course not, Rodgers insisted, since nothing that oc-curs before the University match counts for anything. He should know: Gerald Davies's star-spangled 1970 side won every pre-Twickenham match but still contrived to lose the one that mattered most. Rodgers was in the Cambridge second row, as he had been a few weeks earlier when they had heaten Fiji.

Déjà vu, as the university's French department might say. "We have to keep our feet very firmly oo the ground; that's go ing to be the difficult thing," he pronounced. "Oxford will see that and it will be a red rag to a bull. It's a different game, a one-off, and this goes out the window." Rodgers - rather like his Oxford counterpart Lynn Evans. really - is in the habit of saving such things on an annual basis, since the last thing either university wishes is the burden of favouritism.

Even so, on the direct comparison of Iffley Road against Grange Road he is talking through the Bill-and-Ben hat he sometimes wears. The Dark

STEVE BALE

COMMENTARY

Blues had a more productive line-out hut in every other area the contrast was as vivid as that between the team's shades of blue (eveo if Oxford were in unwonted hlue-and-white hoops).

More important to Cambridge was their voracity for the loose ball, in which respect an exceptional back row utterly outplayed the Samoans. That Russell Earnshaw suffered nothing in comparison with the Antipodeao pairing of Marty Hyde and Steve Surridge was a tribute to all three, who aug-mented their attacking ballwinning with a ferocious defensive display. This intransigeoce spread

through the side and, one might say for the benefit of the affable Rodgers, is precisely what tends to win University matches wheo you are (or think you are) playing for your life in front of 70.000, which is the Rugby Football Union's projection for the attendance three weeks hence.

On Saturday Cambridge won by keeping their ooses in froot while Rob Ashforth and Campbell Burnes were engaged in a kicking duel and then coming on strongly when the exchanges suddeoly opened up in the final quarter. It was only after Steve Cottrell, the outstanding New Zealander who missed his hlue because of injury last year, and Nick Walne had scored their

tries that the islanders cast off to help finance the new protheir torpor for their try by Happy-Valley Patu.

Yes, the felicitous full-back is blessed with this forename and for most of the time Happy Valley was where most of the Samoans appeared mentally to be dwelling. "The importance of the mind in rugby is very well illustrated; we probably thought it was going to be much the same as against Oxford, Bryan Williams, their exasperated coach, said. "This seems to be

a trait we've got. They are so laid-back, some of them, that they struggle to produce any sort of consistency."

If aoything, this was a

stronger Samoan team than the one who had lost to Oxford, containing as it did eight of those who had drawn with Scotland a week earlier as opposed to the five who had faced the Dark Blues. On the other hand, Rodgers's dismissal of the result in Twickenham terms gains some support from Samoan selection: only three of the Iffley Road winners also turned out at Grange Road.

In fact they had deliberately kept the choice below strength, hearing in mind that the next four fixtures will take them round the English divisions, and their tour in Scotland sharply exposed the differing calibre of their first- and secondchoice players. The post-World Cup depredations of rugby league have exacerbated the Samoans' lack of depth.

But let us give them credit for resisting fearsome odds. Having been gratuitously abandoned by the big rugby unions of the southern hemisphere, they - or more specifically Williams, one of the all-time great All Black wings - have attracted a hacker, Michael Fay of yachting fame.

fessionalism. And planning for Pan-Pacific tournament involving the Pacific islands, Canada, the United States, Argentina, Japan and Hong Kong s at an advanced stage.

There are new imperatives for which the Samoans, not hlessed either administratively or economically, are ill suited As it happens, there is a vaguely similar struggle going on at Cambridge and Oxford, who find themselves to be the last redoubts of amateurism and effectively squeezed out of meaningful club fixtures by

ague rugby.

Hence the inauguration in January of a European universities' tournament including Camhridge, Trinity College Dublin, Paris and Rome ("Oxford declined the invitation," Rodgers said sniffily) with plans to double and even treble its size succeeding years.

The Blues have in effect been abandoned by the clubs (Harlequins, for example, gave Cam-hridge 24 hours' notice of their withdrawal from this month's game), just as Western Samoa have been abandoned by South Africa, Australia and above all New Zealand. Nice of England to have them at Twickenham, four days after Oxbridge.



Falling at his feet Jonah Lomu, guesting for Wrexham yesterday, looks down at the familiar sight of a failed tackle as Llyr Jones tries to stop him during Wrexham's 52-21.

Cardiff brought back to reality

ROB COLE

Cardiff Newport

In the same week that they rose to the heights of drawing with the leading team in France, Cardiff plumbed the depths as they fell to their first home

Heineken League defeat. To make matters worse they also lost the services of their midfield magician Mark Ring for tomorrow's European Cup tie against Ulster. Ring strained the lateral ligaments in his left ankle late in the second half and will be in plaster

for 10 days.

It could have been a lot worse, though, as Ring's first thought was that he had broken the joint. He also had to survive a harrowing ordeal in the medical room when the table the stretcher bearers placed him on collapsed underneath him. "At first I thought I bad broken my ankle and then I almost broke my back," he said.

It was Newport's second sucessive win at the Arms Park and the boot of Gareth Rees proved decisive as he landed five out of six penalties and added a touchline conversion of Owain Thomas's second-

minute try. The only good thing for Cardiff was that their nearest rivals at the top of the First Division, Pontypridd, also slipped to defeat at Treorchy. A last-minute drop goal from the home outside-half. Wayne Booth, earned the Rhondda Zebras an 11-9 success, and their first win of the season.

That game contained two sendings-off and left a bitter taste with Pontypridd. The dis-missals of the lock Mark Rowley and the prop James Alvis will mean the Sardis Road club will have to appeal if they want either man to play against Le-inster in their European Cup decider on 6 December.

Under the new disciplinary system in operation, whereby a dismissed player can continue playing until his hearing, appeals could mean the cases not being heard until 12 December.

"We will have a look at the video first, but we will almost certainly appeal, as we feel we have been bard done by," the Pontypridd team manager, Eddie Jones, said.

The Pontypridd coach, Denrus John, was similarly incensed. "I can't for the life of me see bow we were the only ones to finish with 13 men when we didn't start the incidents. I believe Treorchy deliberately set out to provoke us and they should have had players sent off as well."

Cardiff: C John; S Hift, S John, M Hall (capt), N Walker, M Ring (M Rayer 69), A Booth; A Lews, P Young, M Griffiths, J Waleford, K Stew-art, O Williams, E Lewis, C Mills.

Wainwright denies talks with Packer

BILL LEITH

Edinburgh Academicals Watsonians

Rob Wainwright has dismissed as "rumour-mongering" a report that Scotland's top players have met a representative of the Kerry Packer organisation keen to "sell" them plans for a world wide club competition.

The secret get-together supposedly took place in the wake of Scotland's 15-15 draw with Western Samoa when the talk, allegedly, was of contracts around three times what is being offered by the Scottish Rugby Union.

If anybody should know it is Scotland's captain, but at least any such project might spare him the decision of which cluh to join when he returns home. Wainwright is keeping his cards close to his chest, but if the Army physician opts against rejoining Edinhurgh Academicals he will have to draw on his hest hedside manner. A defeat by Watsonians con-

signed them to relegation for the first time in history, their coach. David Sole, will learn this week whether he faces a disrepute charge for publicly criticising a referee, and on-field disciplinary problems are mounting. An as yet unnamed forward is at the centre of a complaint by Melrose that he was responsible for allegedly jeopardising the sight of their prop Mark Ross, with a punch which went unseen by the referee.

Against Watsonians, the match official had no doubt that the hooker, Kenny Day, was stamping when Edinhurgh led 15-3 just before half-time, and sent him off.

Rob Wainwright has also heen linked with Watsooians, whose win improved their prospects of playing in Europe next seasoo should Scotland enter club sides as opposed to districts. Watsonians remain capable of finishing second behind Melrose, whose 15-15 draw at Stirling requires them to win at home to Gala on Saturday to take a fifth title in seven years. Edinburgh Academicale: Tries Burns 2; Conversion Duncar, Penalty Duncar, Wasconines: Tries Sturnessy, Carv, G Hastings; Conversions G Hastings 2; Penalties G Hastings 3.

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S Hostings, A Garry, J Nerr. O Hooge IS Carse.
622, J Weston: M Stanway, S Farland, A Vintie, C Mather, S Gimes, G Hannah. C Brown,
J Mocrifond. Saracens have signed the Ireland flanker Eddie Halvey from

as London slipped to their second successive defeat in this disappointing CIS Divisional Championship match at College Grove, Wakefield on Saturday. the Limerick club Shannon. Halvey will be eligible for the Moore was fortunate not to be dismissed by Tony Spreadfinal four English Courage hury, either after a second-half League First Division fixtures stamping incident or for an ap-

Andrew sails through unruffled introduction



Model pro: Andrew points Newcastle's way forward

It is safe to assume there will be tougher days ahead for Rob An-drew in his Newcastle career than Saturday's 51-5 win over Harrogate, Not every match can be like his debut, which would have resembled an encounter with his fan club bad it been slightly more strenuous.

He was gently mobbed from time to time but mostly the opposition simply stood hack and watched him perform. Considneir opvious admiration it was a bit surprising that Harrogate resisted the temptation

Apart from being allowed to control the destination of the ball much as be pleased, Andrew gathered 21 points which included two penalties, a drop goal and the conversion of all his side's six tries. Two of the latter kicks were beauties, from wide on left and right respectively.

These were moments when the quality of the opposition mattered not and Andrew's preparation and execution Newcastle's figurehead made a big impact when he made his long-delayed debut for them, says Stephen Brenkley are attributes to make it easy to in his stockbroking office today with heading a rugby revolution, "we will be in Europe in 1998.

suspect that Newcastle bave got the right man to lead them to their golden future. Harrogate's role was hardly

expected to be that of anything more than innocent bystanders. As their taxi-driving prop Al Brown put it: "We didn't come nere to jom in the Ron An-Unfortunately it never looked like working out." The point was that Brown knew that it was indeed the Rob Andrew Show.

A bit further down the bill but still with star status was the Lions prop, Nick Popplewell. He intends to commute from his home in Dublin to play for Newcastle but from the buffeting be gave Brown ("I can tell my grandchildren about it," the Harrogate player said) his commitment to the cause is not in doubt. Popplewell flew home

several bright performances."If

ers," Rowell said, "always ac-

cepting that there needs to be

a spine [of experience], it is a wonderful shop window."

and tomorrow morning and then fly back for the game against Transvaal tomorrrow evening. He and Andrew, bound by

the Rugby Football Union's 120-day rule for league matches until early next year, will play in all the mendly fixtures they other former Wasps player Dean Ryao, who could not play on Saturday because of injury, are anxious that they will at least be on passing terms with their less veoerated colleagues before the fight against Second Division relegation resumes.

It was that, not Harrogate that was exercising Andrew's mind after Saturday's friendly proceedings. That and somewhat broader horizons. "In a perfect world," said the clean cut man, whom it is still diffiwere, as ever, immaculate. They yesterday, will report for duty cult to believe has been charged

Tour Matches

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North

South Pool One

Divisional Championship

Midlands Pool One

That's as quick as we can do it." Retention of their present status may not be straightfor-There are some neatly mov-

ing hacks who can help them do it and the captain Ross Wilkinson, whose second try on Satdrew Show, we came to ruin it. can. They, not to mention the urday involved a run of 70 yards, has a searing turn of pace. But it may rely more than somewhat on Andrew persuading opponents to freeze in wonderment.

wonderment.

Newcastle: Tries Wilkinson 2, Chikis, Poppievell, Wilson, Mullarkey: Conversions Andraw 6: Penalties Andrew 2; Drop goal
Andrew Harrogate: Try Calwell.

Newcastle: I McLelland; M Wison, R Wilkinson, J Fletcher, G Childs: R Andrew, G Robson (P Cherry, 63); N Popplewell (B Aldragon,
59), A Herberington, P Van-Zandvilet, F
Mitchell, R Mercaite IN Mullarkey, 601, N Frankand, 5 Cassidy, 6 Holder,
Harrogate: I Hassall; S Hockey, M Brain, A
Caldwell, A Taylor; R Zong (D Clappison, 70),
M Wood; J Field, R Wingley, A Brown, P Taylor, M Ruthen, A Pnde, 11 Wheat, J Hopkinson (R Nolan, 74).

Referee: P Dickers (East Mirkinnes).

Irish Inter-Provincial

First Division

RUGBY UNION RESULTS AND TABLES Heineken Welsh League Second Division

UNDER-21 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP North-

UNDER-21. COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP North-erm Group: Lancashire 39 Cumbria 10 (at Old Aldwhians); Durhem 16 Northumberland 21 (at Houghton RC); South West Pool One: Dorset/With 18 Benshire 17 (at Westburg). Pool Two: Gloucestershire 48 Devon S (at Lydney); Somerset 26 Commell 3 (at Welling-ton). South East Pool One: Hampshire 24 Eastern Counties 10 (At Havant); Middlesex 49 Keni 22 (at Old Merchant Taylors). Pool Two: Army 3 Surrey 48 (at Aldershot); Sus-sex 16 Hardordshire 9 (at Chichester).

Second Division

First Division

Greening's brilliance heals the Divisionals All in all, a match that could is only 20, does everything he is the opposition midfield — no supposed to do at the set pieces slouches themselves — guessing but has another dimension to his at his every move until the last well have foundered in the atrocious conditions, produced

Opinion on the Divisional Championship'a worth to English rugby has been, well, divided. But after Saturday's stirring match in the mud of Kingsholm there are a oumber of reasons why it deserves to be. taken off death row. The England A team to face Western Samoa on 12 December at Gateshead is named this morning and at least two, if not more,

be included. Phil Greening is a certainty after a particularly good game. He could well become England's

If the first principle of leadership

is example then Brian Moore

failed on one count though

scored notably on several others

game, that of a fourth flanker. early days as a centre.

promising" — praise indeed from someone who is not known for excesses. Rowell, and the rest of the England A management team'went into a huddle after the match and it is likely that the oame of the South-West's outside-half Alex of the youngsters on show will Bristol University, will have

could well become England's youngest post-war hooker. He not least of which was keeping

He runs lines like a seasoned back-row man, tackles terminally and has hands that reveal his Jack Rowell, the Eogland manager, described the unemployed carpenter as "very

King, a second-year studeot at

been prominently mentioned.

parent head-butt, both of which

could have warranted Eng-

land's most-capped forward

facing a disciplinary tribunal this week instead of leading London out against West Samoa at

Twickenham on Wednesday.

Afterwards, Moore was ro-

bustly unrepentant. "This sort of

situation provides referees with

a conundrum. Do they penalise

the player killing the ball, or the

guy trying to ruck him out of the way?" Moore asked. It was a

question never answered in a

contest where fair release and

slow delivery from ruck and

maul were features of a game

minute. King's potential was several bright performances."If underlined by the news that the Divisionals pick young play-Richard Hill, Gloucester's director of coaching (and incidentally the England A coach) invited the Rosslyn Park 20-yearold to join the Kingsholm ranks. King is thinking over the offer. Greening and King may well

be joined at Gateshead by the Midlands full-hack James Ouantrill, who revealed pace and perception when coming into the line hut also proved sound in defence and an able loose-head prop Matt Volland also looked versatile and mobile, while his cluh colleague, Budge Pountney did his claims

served winners by two trics to nil.
"We passed up a couple of good

chances and gave away too much ball," Moore said. "That wasn't

on Wednesday when some of us

still bope of reclaiming his place

when England meet the tourists

on 16 December. More to the

point is where Jack Rowell will

make changes after the perfor-

Andy Gomarsall - who out-

shone the North's Austin

Healey - must come into the

If it is at scrum-half then

mance against South Africa.

Clearly Moore feels there is

have a point to prove."

MIDLANDS: J Quantrill (Rugby Lions); R Set black (Bedford). A Marr (Moseley), 2 Whotster (Bedford). H Thomeycroft (Northampton); Grayson (Northamptort, copt). J Fatr (M nuggon Park); M Volland, T Beddo Moore no merrier as London lose their way

> turned there, allowing Roh Andrew's rumoured recall) Tim Stimpson, whose blistering pace set up the long-range try for Will good enough today, nor will it be Greenwood which settled the result, must be next in line.

North: Tries Malinder, W Greenwood. Con-version Licy. Paralities Liley 2. London: Paralities Gregory 3. NORTH-T Stampson (West Hartlepool): J Ney-lor (Crrell): W Generwood (Harlequres), P-John-son (Orrell, Capt), J Malfinder; R Liley (both Sale), A Healey; P Winstanley (both Orrell), S Diamond (Sale), M Shelley (West Hartlepool), J Fowler (Sale), M Greenwood (Wesps), R Amold (Newcastle), N Asburst, C Vyyyan (both Sale). Rostlemenustre G Raddwin (Wissinfeld)

LONDON: A Tunningley (Success): M Griffithe, N Groomstack (both Wasps), P Memenab Harlequins), S Robert G Gregory, A Gossarsall (all Wasps): 2 Brown Hadequins), A Boose, M Moroe (Harlequins), Capti, I Duriston (Massis), A Snow, M Waspon (both Harlequins), M White (Wasps), R Jestians Hadequins), A Diproso (Soracens).

which began so promisingly.

It ended with the North desuming Mike Catt is not re-

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Fourth Division

Between a rock and an upside-down place

Mike Rowbottom sees human flies go up the wall at the National Indoor Arena, Birmingham

There was one easy element for the climbers who scaled im-plausible heights here yesterday in the 1995 Snow and Rock

World Cup.
Yes, they had to get themselves up a structure which resembled a nightmare trompel'oeil - upside-down steps which defied the very idea of ascent. And, yes, they had to pause reg-ularly to shake their arms and legs back to life. But they were able to do so to the emollient. atmospheric strains of Enya. Some consolation.

A crowd of around 4,000 gathered at one end of the arena as if watching a snooker championship, with a hush of concentration, broken periodically as the spectators, many of them climbers themselves, showed their appreciation of a particularly bold or brave manoeuvre on the part of the human fly before them.

The wall, 18 tonnes of lunar landscape resin, loomed back and over each climber as they stepped forward to address it. It eotailed a long approach climb of around 12 metres, six metres of horizontal roof and a final pull round a lip to finish with a 30-degree overhanging

Once they began their ginger progress, stopping regularly to grab handfuls of gymnasts' chalk from the bags which dangle from their belts, the competitors had quarter of an hour to complete their work. The handholds - some large, some tiny-were bolted along a route decided by an official from the Swiss-based international alpine

climbing body, the UIAA, And, excruciatingly, the competitors had just six minutes to study their latest challenge before climbing. They stood like tourists on the spotlit stage, viewing the routes with binoculars, reaching out their arms to tal sadists. It is one of the worst



Sheer hell: Matt Donnelly takes a firm grip during the British Junior Open in the Climbing World Cup at the National Indoor Arena yesterday

30 fect above their heads, before being shooed off the stage. It is this constant variation, alhed to the mind-defying task of operating in an upside-down

world, that moved one professional sports psychologist, David Gilbourne, to declare: "This sport was developed by to-

seen from a competitors' psychological perspective."

lan Vickers, the 21-year-old British champion, clearly has a psyche that is as fit as his body. A minute after dropping from the wall face on his rope, baving been unable to work out a route along the wicked, pock-

lolled against a wall and slid back into his trainers.

Despite strenuous physical efforts that had raised the audience to murmurs of approval and bursts of support, he looked no more tired than if he had lost a chess match. Pale and bespectacled, with

marked ceiling that forms the tousled fair hair, Vickers faintperform imaginary manoeuvres sports in the world that I have central section of the climb, he by resembles a schoolboy play-

ing hookey. Supported partly by his parents, with whom he still earned the winner François Petit, of France, £3,000. Not towering money, but more than lives in Darwen, Lancashire, and sponsorship by equipment comanyone can earn on real rock panies Petzl and Beal, he ... does faces, where competition is now his own thing. "I have a car and I drive arouod," he said. "I just banned on environmental grounds. The women's title went kind of like to go climbing a lot." to the American world champion, Robyn Erbesfield, who at Vickers finished seventh in a 5ft lin is considerably shorter men's final - the third of four in

whose thin arms and legs clear-

Photograph: Robert Hallam

ly have a tenacity of almost superhuman proportion.

Since the National Indoor Arena first put on an event of this kind four years ago, a new commercial dimbing centre has opeoed in the city and there are plans for 47 such ceotres to open around the country in the next year. Enya must be delighted.

Benn and **Collins** ready to unify title

Boxing

Nigel Benn acknowledged Steve Collins' schievements this year in the ring after watching him retain his World Boxing Organisation super-middle-weight title on Saturday night. but he underlined his confidence in the outcome of a unification fight with the Irishman by conceding home advantage.

The World Boxing Council champion was a model of discretion after watching Collins follow up two victories over Chris Eubank by defying the challenge of Cornelius Carr decision in Dublin.

Benn was sure he would prevail in a toe-to-toe battle against Collins, whatever the venue. His promoter, Frank Warren, believes that fight will take place providing Benn overcomes the South African Thulane Malinga in a mandatory defence early in the new year.

Benn said: "Steve has done his bit. Now I have to keep my side of the bargain with a suc-cessful defence. I have the utmost respect for him." Collins, who plans one more

fight before facing Benn, pos-sibly in April or May, bulldozed his way to a unanimous decision over Middlesbrough's Carr aithough many at ringside thought he was flattered by two judges declaring him the winner by a margin of four rounds and the third by six.

The 31-year-old champion dominated the early rounds, but Carr countered neatly in the middle rounds and still stood his ground when Collins stepped up his work-rate at the final stages

Carr, a former British champion, said: "It was a big step up in class for me and I proved I could handle it. Steve may have just nicked the verdict, but I know now I can get to the top."

Farrell flows for Wigan

Eight die in Nagpur

Cricket

Eight spectators died and another 50 were injured during the one-day international be-tween India and New Zealand in Nagpur yesterday.

A section of the back wall on the second level of the recently completed eastern stand at the Vidarbha Cricket Associa- if we had suspended ptay". tators were making their way out during the lunch interval. Three fans were killed and a further five died in hospital.

mortar wall appeared to give woo by New Zealand by 99 runs. runs in 13 balls.

way in the crush of people trying to leave the top level of the

stand, which seats up to 3,000. Some of the victims fell over the edge as the wall collapsed, plunging some 15 metres to the ground, while others were hit by falling debris. A spokesman said it had been decided to continuc with the game because "there would have been a riot

Munton in the mood

England A 298-6 dec and 10-2 Patron's XI 187-9 dec

Only 48 hours after arriving to act as cover for the injury-troubled Mike Smith, Tim Munton took 5 for 54 for England A in Lahore yesterday in his first bowl for three months.

A see-saw second day ended World Cup match between Aus- for 2 in their second innings, a tralia and Zimbabwe in March. lead of 121 against a Patron's Match referee Peter Burge XI who rallied spiritedly to 187 fined New Zealand's Roger for 9 declared after Munton Witnesses said a three-metre Twose half his match fee for abu- had reduced them to 48 for 6 wide section of the brick and sive language during the game, with four wickets for three

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Spain retain Fed Cup

the overall competition-which than most of her rivals, but

Tennis

Spain won the Fed Cup for the third year running when they defeated the United States in the final in Valencia yesterday. Conchita Martinez's victory over Mary Joe Fernandez in straight sets secured an unassailable 3-0 lead in the best-offive final.

hour 18 minutes, but Fernandez had chances to take command and keep the contest alive. She Consistently failed to hold serve after breaking Martinez nuthem 1-0, 2-9.
To test in V. Krejer, "N Hussen, J C Poole, C after breaking Martinez nuthought, 7 A Marson, R D Sterre, A M Smith.
Housing: Shadd Naze 2-0-0-2, Accept Marrinood clay surface.

Spain took a 2-0 lead after Saturday's singles as Martinez, the world No 2 defeated Chanda Rubin 7-5, 7-6, and world No 3, Arantra Sanchez Vicario, defeated Fernandez 6-3, 6-2, Spain have now won the Fed Cup four times and have been

in the final six times in seven

years. The Americans have not won since 1990, although they hold the record of 14 victories. In the "dead" rubbers. Rubin. a replacement for the injured Monica Seles, defeated Sanchez Vicario 1-6, 6-4, 6-4. In the doubles, Americans Gigi Fernandez and Lindsay Davenport

Maria Sanchez Lorenzo.

Rugby League

The holders Wigan, with their international duo of Andy Farrell and Gary Connolly in good form, overcame First Division Huddersfield 32-0 yesterday to earn a place in today's Regal Trophy quarter-final draw. The loose forward Parrell,

who put off a groin operation

The Western Samoan Apollo Perelini spared St Helens' blushbeat Virginia Ruano-Pascual and | a major upset, his second touchdown clinching a 38-26 victory.

Spooker

Squash

Speed skating

The centre Andy Currier scored two tries as Warrington staved off a brave fightback to win 35-22 at Batley. Meanwhile the full-back Smart Spruce scored two tries as Widnes produced a slick performance to win 32-8 at Workington, Rochdale came from behind to win 26-14

Also through are Secood Division Carlisle and the First Division teams Rochdale and

In the only First Division match, Featherstone's standes with a late try after First Di- off Martin Pearson scored 40 vision Hull threatened to cause points with four tries and 10 goals as his team beat White-

Daniet Shungsa, of Kenya, won his third consecutive Bangkok Marathon yesterday in a time of 2hr 28min 35sec.

Sedimination

SCOTTISH OPEN (Kelvin Hall, Glasgow):
Men's singles, semi-finale: J Laugeson (Deri)
to A Nelsen (Engl 15-11: 15-11: P Knowles
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semi-finale: J Larsen and S Osterberg (Swel)
to N Contil and J Quan (Engl 15-7: 10-15
15-11: N Ponting and J Robertson (Engl bt
J Laugeson and T Stevengsand (Den) 15-9
18-14, Pinale Porting and Robertson bit Larsen
and Osserberg 15-5-15-6. Women's singles,
semi-finale: C Bengisson (Swel) to A Giscon
(Sco) 11-7: 11-5: D Piche (Can) bt M Andrewskeys (Swe) 2-11: 11-3: 11-2. Finale
Begisson bt Piche 8-11: 11-4: 11-9. Doubles
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17 Harder and M Vange (Den): 15-8: 25-4;
C Bengisson end M Bengisson (Swel) bit N Book
and J Dawas (Engl 12-15: 15-10: 15-5. Finale:
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NBA: (Friday) Chariota 116 Vancouver 104;
Detros: 101 Philadelphia 78; Cleveland 100
Indiana 93; Washington 110 Miami 94; Golden State 101 Boston 94; Orlando 109 Minnesota 98; Charago 90 Utah 85; Denver 112
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Houston 98; Adiana 114 Torrom 102; Cleveland 89 Milwaufsee 87; Marri 111 Vancouver 91; Golden State 107 Philadelphia 99;
Orlando 114 Washington 112: Derwer 94 Utah
91; Phoerix 114 IA Lakers 113; Sen Antonio 100 IA Clippers 91.

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Newcastle 87 Chester
75; Hernel 71 Worthing 84; Derby 96 Manchester 91.

Themes Valley Tiggers, who had won the

title for the past three seasons, were put out of the 7UP Trophy last night with an 85-66 defeat at Wembley Court by London Towers, who resched the last iondon fowers, who reached the last four 174-148 on aggregate. Tigars nev-er recovered from trailing 55-36 at helfer recovered from trailing 55-36 at half-time after their American, Tony Holley, fell heavily on the tip-off for the third quarter injuring his back and playing no further part in the game.

749 TROPHY Quarter final, first leg: Chester 69 Birmingtom 108. Second leg: London Towers 85 Thernes Valley 65 (London win on negregate 174-148).

FOUR-MAN WORLD CLIP (Lilebammer, Nor): 1 Germany I (W Hoppe, I) Helscher, R Harmernen, S Peter) Imin 44.37sec; 2 Ger-many III (D Wiese: C Barrisch, M Leidmeier, W Haudd): 1:44.38; 3 Carrada I (P Lueders, O MacEachem, J Pyc.) Danney) 1:44.44.

PROFESSIONAL PROMOTION (The Point, Dublin); 12-rd World Boxing Organisation super-middlessigst championship: S Colins Dublin); 1.2-rd World Boxing Organization super-middlesselight champlontable; 5 Colino, Dublin, holder) to C Carr (Middlesbrough) pts. 4-rd welterswelight: E Meges (Beltest) bt Proberts (Hell) inf 4th. 4-rd middlesselight; O Ryan (Donegal) bt M Dawson (Burton) pts.

4-rd super-eniddloweight: P Collins (Dublin) bt M O'Enen (Leeds) pts. 8-rd cruisserweight: T Ourstan (Lendon) bt J Bale (US) rsf 7th, 4-rd featherweight: P Griffin (Dublin) bt M Hermon (Berningham) pts. 8-rd weiterweight: M Caruth (Dublin) bt P Denton (Sheffield) pts. 6-rd light-weiterweight: M Winters (Belfast) bt Jon O'Johnson (Nottingham) rsf 2nd.

Billy Schwer falled in his attempt to re-tain the Commonwealth lightweight championship when the referee stopped champership with the feeder supplied his light against Ghana's David Tettish in Dagenham in the 12th round. The Luton fighter hopes that the European Boxing Union will allow his scheduled European tide challenge against the Frenchman Angel Monato go ahead an important bout on the road back to the status of world champion contender that he enjoyed at the start of the year professional. ProMotion (Ongenham): 12-rd Commonwealth fightweight championship: 0 Tetteh (Gharel bt & Schwer molder, Lutoril of 12th. 6-rd super-hantamweight. M Brothe (Manchester) bt K Maudiling (Northampton) is 1st. 6-rd super-hantamweight. M Aldis (Crawley) bt C McMulten (Irl No 4th. 4-rd super-featherweight. M Might (Crasham) bt M of Calaghan (Garbridge Weis) pts. 4-rd light-middleweight. 5 Poberts (West Hern) bt E Lovendige (Southedge) pts. 6-rd bestämmweight: 5 Oliver (Bernet) bt S Anderson (Soo) ist 3rd.

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ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL (Nagpur, Ind):
New Zealand 348 for 8, 50 ones (N Asie 114,
M Crove 63, S Fleming 60); India 249 all out,
39-3 overs (S Tenduler 65, A Jaziga 61). New
Zealand won by 99 runs.
TOUR MATCHES (Macclam, Aus; final days of
four): Sri Lunka 178 and 106; Queensland
305 and 255. Queensland won by 273 runs.
(Malbourne; third day of four): Palestan 154
and 273 fluxaman—Hea 132; Vetoria 362
(D Jones 127) and 72 for 2. Victoria won
by algint wichets.
WOMEN'S SECOND TEST (Jasonbedpur, Ind;
third day of four): England 198 (S Debir
4-36) and 94 for 4; India 263 (S Debir 60,
S Shaw 54).

6 Shaw 54).
Shield (Third day of four): No-bert New South Wales 368 for 2 dec and 270 for 6 dec, Tasmaria 263 and 19 for 0. Adalatidae Wastern Australia 308 and 345 for 8; South Australia 353 for 9 dec. 8; South Australia 353 for 9 dec.
CASTLE CUP (Third day of four): Durbass:
Easten Province 7: and 173 for 5 (K Wessels 77); Natal 449 for 5 dec (A Nudson 153,
R Steyn 108, 0 Crookes 64). Parant Boland
159 and 361 (A Kulper 155, L Ferreira 50;
S Jack 5-69); Transvessi 310 and 1 for 3. East
London: Northern Transvessi 133 and 118 (F
Crong 4-16); Border 427 (F Botha 71, S Tholo 64, P Kriston 53). Border wore by an innings and 126 rans.

Egyestrianism VOLVO WORLD CUP QUALIFIER (Berlin): 1 Everest Midnight Madness (M Whitales, GB) clear 34.78xec; 2 San Patrignans Welhalmej (F Stoothaak, Ger) clear 36.36; 3 Welner Wirbel (C-O Nage), Ger) Cara 36.4. (Ser) & Everest Welner U Whitaler) 4 tauts 34.55.

Football The Third Division's second-placed club, Gillingham, will be without the mid-fielder Mark O'Connor for at least three months, after he was carried off with a broken leg in the 1-0 victory over

Golf CASSIO WORLD OPEN (Bussid), Japan) Landing Steal scores (Japannese unitess stateoff: 274 S Okuda 66 72 69 64, 275 M Orah 70 69 68 68, 276 K Tornon 69 70 71 66, 277 H Mestrial 66 71 70 70. 279 C Rocca (U) 70 70 69 70, 280 N Yufara 72 69 71 66 K Marta 65 66 76 71, 281 R Gamez (US) 72 74 70 65, 282 M Brooks (US) 72 71 72 67; M Jimenez (SO) 73 71 70 68; Y Mazmala 76 72 65 69; 8 Watts (US) 69 73 70 70; 0 Ishi (US) 72 71 76 73, 283 H Kate 72 75 70 66; 7 Suzula 78 70 66 68; 1 Hamilton (US) 70 74 70 69; P Walton (II) 70 72 72 69; V Surgin (Fig) 70 71 17; L Jargen (US) 70 73 68 72; C Franco (Pay 70 70 70 73.

SECOND TEST (Chianks): Great Britain 1 Argentine 1. gemine 1.

NASTRO AZZUERRO SOUTH Premier: Anchorism 0 Oxford Hawks 2; Chichester 0 Ashord 3; Gore Court 2 Laves 3; High Wycombe 2 Old Welcountiens 1; Newbury 1 Maderheed 1; Old Mingstoners 3 Farsham 3; Spencer 1 Secksnham 2; Wimbledon 5 Lyons 1; Wokling 1 Bournemouth 0; Wolampham 2 Winchester 5. chester 5.
ADNAMS EAST Premier: Bodford Town 1
Chemister 1; Beshop's Stanford 4 Colonester
3; Bury St. Edmunds 0 Ipswich 4; Cambridge
City 2 Peterborough Town 2; Cambridge Univ
4 Redbridge and Word 0.

Gaelle football

CHURCH AND GENERAL NATIONAL First Di-vision: Donegal 0-6 Nerry 1-11; Nidere 0-10 Care 0-10; Meath 2-7 years 0-9; De-ry 2-7 Loss 0-9. Second Edvision: Westmeath 0-7 Dublin 0-13; Armagn 0-11 Caren 2-9; Laimm 0-13 Down 1-4; Cork 2-12 Louth

Greg Norman ended a five-year drought

72: C Franco (Per) TO 70 73.

Greg Norman ended a fine-year drought in his native country by winning the Australian Open in Melbourne by two shots yesserday. The world No 1 hed four birdles in the final seven holes at Kingston Heath on his way to 6 68 for a 10-under-par total of 278.

Australian Open in Melbourne Leading final seven holes at Kingston Heath on his way to 6 68 for a 10-under-par total of 278.

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SPORTING DIGEST

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Bebington 3 Bowden O; Chatham Hill 1 Neston 2: Dutatury Northern 1 Deside Ramtiers 1: Gaso 2 Coleyn Bey 1; Lyfram St. Annas
3 Manchester 3; Macclestfold 2 Lyrerpool
Setton O; Manchester Univ D Northop Hall 5;
Morcaribe 3 West Desty C; Preston 4 Presoot
O; Warrington D Winnington Park 2.

WOMEN'S OLYMPIC QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT (Cape Town): China 2 Argantins 1;
Great Britain 1 South Ainca O; Norea 1 Canada D: Cemerny 2 Nethorianas 3. Final

NAMENT (Cape Town): China 2 Argantina 1: Great Britain 1 South Ainto 0; Norea 1 Camedo Cr. Germany 2 Netherlands 3. Final standings: 1 Rores 1 1 puz 2 Great Britain 9; 3 Germany 8; 4 Argantina 8; 5 Netherlands 7; 6 China 7; 7 Carada 3; 8 South Africa 3. Red five John Spain (Orango china) point Ainto 3. Red five John Spain (Orango china) and United States (nots).

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE Premier Division: Balsam Leicester 1 Spaint 1; Griton 2 Bracherel O; Highrown 4 Domustart 1; Switch Canada Life 3 Slough 0, First Division: Bluerarts 1 Sunderland Bedars 3; Caraferduy 1 Trojans 3; Ennound 10 Bradford Swithenberh C; Wirnbedon 1 Chebratori 3, Second Division: Andréa 4 St. Albers 2; Otto 2 Loughborough 0; Reading 1 Ealing 2; Wolving 0 Shemood 1.

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WOMEN'S EAST SUPER LEASUE Premier:
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2 Seven Cales 2: Ipswich 0 Old Loughbonen's
5: Wolvyn Garden City 0 Heriston Magnes 2:
WOMEN'S SOUTH First Division City of Portsmouth 2 Camberley 1: Dulwich 1 Heri-don 0; Hamptised and Westminster 2 Win-chasser 1: Southermpton 2 Worthing 1; West Whatney 4 Winchmore Hit 1.

WOMEN'S TRYSPORTS THREE COUNTIES
First Division: Bracknet 3 Mitton Keynes 3;
Farham Common 3 Marlow 0; Newbury 3 Sonring 2; Oxford Hawks 2 Ranleagh 0; Oxford
Univ 1 Henley 0; Wycombe Rye 3 Reading 0.
NATIONAL LEAGUE First Division: Barbord
Tges 2 Carmook 2; Bourneyle 2 Ha 2; Hourslow 3 Canterbury 3; Reading 4 Stourbort 0;
Southgate 2 Oxfo Loughtoners 1; S Albarss
1 Cuiddort 6; Surbton 5 Hinem 4; Teddingson
1 East Genesiad 1; Tingers 2 Indon Gymfriant
0. Second Division: Beeston 3 Sough 2;
Bromley 1 Bruchearts 2; Brooklands 3
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1 Oxford Univ 2; Humpsteed and Westmisist 1 Oxfor Portsmouth 2; Harleston Magpies 2 Doncaster 2; Isca 0 Gloucester Cky 1;
Ofton and West Warwack 2 Richmond 1.

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NRL: (Friday) Boston 2. Los Angeles 1: Priladelphia 4 Detrok 1: Chicago 5 Angheim 4 (ort); Buffalo 1 NY Islanders 1 foty; Hart-ford 4 Forontio 0; Tampe Bay 2 Washington 1: Edmorton 5 Caligary 2. (Baturday) Washington 4 Herdord 2; Largae Bay 2 NY Standers 1; Detrok 2 NY Rangers 0; Colorado 2 Montreal 2; Prusbungh 5 Buffalo 3; Detias 2 New Jersey 0; Toronto 2 St Louis 2; Boston 3 Ottawa 3; Sen Jose 7 Vancouver 2.

Nordic siding NOTEIC SKIING MEN'S WORLD CLP (Vuoletti, Fin) 10km erose-cuartry; 1 V Smirnov (Rec) 26min 03.6se;; 2 8 Daethle (Non) 26:09.7; 3 5 Repo (Fin) 26:46.0; 4 J Münlegs (Gen) 26:48.7; 5 A Prokurorov (Rus) 26:49.7; 8 5 Fauner (IV) 26:50.8; 7 J Behle (Gen) 27:03.7; 8 M Borthrov (Rus) 27:04.0; 9 5 Sivertsen (Non) 27:04.4; 10 H Norchsch (Swe) 27:05.4.

DYTOEND FORECAST: Moderate, tele-phone claims required for 24pts. Score draws: 2, 3, 11, 21, 28, 32, 39, 44, 53, 56. No-score draws: 1, 12, 16, 26, 41, 42.

Salling

Ed Beird, of the United States, who was coach to the America's Cup winning Team New Zealand earlier this year, won the Steinfager World Match Racing Championship in Auckland helped by three of his San Diego craw, beating Roy RUGBY LEAGUE RESULTS AND TABLES

Regat Trophy Third Round London Broncos (14) 18, Hallber (12) 22. London Broncos: Tries: Mestrov 2, McKerns, Res. Goels Matterson. Hallber Tries: John Schuster, Tuilag; Goels: John Schuster, Tuilag; Goels: John Schuster 3. (played at The Stoop, 1,205)

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3. Rochdele; Thee J Green, C Hilton, Mand-skey, Meadorns, Prit, Goelle Churn 3. (927)
Huddensfield; Thes: Cornolly 2, Farrel, Offah, Robinson, Seeler Farrel 6, 16,026
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Leeds (22) 42, Bradford (6) 28, Leeds: Tries

Workington (4) 8. Widnes (20) 32. Workington: Tries: Johnson 2. Widnes: Tries: Spruce 2. McCurie, Rusne, Thornéey. Goste: Tyrer 6. (2,648) Stones Centenary First Division Featherstone (24) 60, Whiteleven (4) 10, Featherstone: Tries: Peerson 4, Jackson, Marke, Moloy, Rudey, Smooth Goels: Pear-son 12, Whiteleven: Tries: Doyle, Seeds, Goels: McGuive. (1,569)

Division Two Branley (13) 17, York (11) 15. Branley: Tries Police 2, Bonkley; Goale: Cresser 2. Drog Lng, York Thes Damen Ball, HJ, Ltt-rence, Goal Precious, Drop Dobson, Att 500

final. Having also recently won the Nip-pon Cup in Jepan, Baird is now No 1. In the Omega world rankings - the first time an American has occupied the postoon since the standings were intro duced in 1998.

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Skling

Switzerland's Michael Von Gruenigen overcame warm temperatures and de-terforating race conditions in Park City, Utah to continue his plant slalom masto community spant short ma-tery on the World Cup tour with his third consecutive victory. The victory enabled Von Gruenigen to reclaim the overall World Cup lead from Norway's Lasse Klus-by 14 points. The defending champi-on Alberto Tomba, of Italy, missed a gate on the second run after finishing eighth on the first.

on the first.

WORLD ALPINE CUP (Park City, Utah) Members food delerne 1 M van Graangen (Swit) 2mm 27.48esc; 2 L Klus (Not) 227.50; 3 H Kneus (Aut) 2:28.93; 4 F Nyberg (Swie) 2:29.80; 5 C Mayer (Aut) 2:30.14; 8 J Most (Sloven) 2:30.19. Leading giant slabon standings: 1 Von Gruengen 300pts; 2 Kjus 2:40; 3 Hoelin 156; 4 Kneus 128; 5 Nyberg 116; 6 Nosr 90; 7 Locher St. Leading overall World Dup standings: 1 Von Gruengen 300pts; 2 Kjus 2:85; 3 Il Keelin (Swit) 1:56; 4 Kosir 1:30; 5 Kneus 128; 8 Nyberg 1:10; 7 K A Aamodt (Not) 103; 8 M Intscher (Aut) 1:30; 9 A Tomber (I) 96; 1:0 S Locher (Swit) S1. Nastion's Cup overall standings: 1 Austral 1,004pts; 2 Switzerland 924; 3 Norway 8:12; 4 Italy 4:19; 5 France 3:38.

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PARISTAN OPEN (Karachi) Semi-finale: R Eyles (Aus) bt C Welker (Eng) 15-12 15-11 15-11; J Khan (Paki bt O Ryan (Irl) 15-9 15-8 15-1, Final: Joneher Khan bt Eyles

Rugby Union

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Other sports

haven 60-10. mi (4-11); Kotoirozuma (3-9) bt Neminohana (5-9); Mitozumi (3-7) bt Kotomethik (3-7); Kapo (5-7) bt Tekanonami (3-5); Musoyama (7-6) bt Valkanohana (12-3); Musoyama (10-5) bt Takanohana (12-3); Musoyama (10-5) off: Welsonohana bt Takanohana

The weekend's re-scheduled women's World Alpine Cup gant statom and statom events at Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada, were cancelled because of excessively soft snow caused by warm Table tennis

FRENCH OPEN (Lyon) Nien's singles accord round: O Mauriov (Fus) bt A Coole (Eng) 11-21 21-15 21-13 21-19. Women's singles second round: A hoti (Eng) bt Xu Jng (Ta) 21-12 12-21 21-15 21-13. Third ROYAL LIVER ASSURANCE UK CHAMPI-ONSHIP (Presiden) Third round: S Hendry (Sco) bt G Wilenson (Eng) 9-2; P Ebdon (Eng) bt S Lee (Eng) 9-5.

Speed skating
WORLD CUP (Berlin) Merc 1500mc 1.M Hersman (Neth) Limb 54.25eec; 2 A Stondra (Not) 1:54.60; 3 M Hooks (Lepan) 1:54.62; 4 K Striahata (Lepan) 1:54.78; 5 R Risma (Neth) 1:55.19.5,000mc 1.R Ritsma (Neth) 6:53.27; 2 G Romme (Neth) 6:53.50; 3 K Skitahata (Lepan) 6:54.27; 4 M Hersman (Neth) 6:59.30; 5 W Stolkahara (Be) 6:59.50; 6 T Notawa (Lepan) 7:02.10. Woman: 500mc 1.S Sturous (Paul 40.03; 2 S Auch (Can) 40.67; 3 C Le May (Can) 40.68; 4 E-7 Hossith (Nor) 40.80; 5 F Schrik (Ren) 40.93, 1,000mc 1.C Wing (US) 1:21.66; 2 Schark (122.46; 3 S Musunose (Lepan) 1:22.87; 4 S Vidiser (Gen) 1:23.35; 6 A Beart (Gen) 1:23.41, 3,000mc 1.G Niemenn (Gen) 1:23.41, 3,000mc 1.G Ni Tomatis

ATP WORLD DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP (Sindhoven, Noth): Seast-Grake G Connel (Carl) and P Galbraith (LS) bt 7 Woodlondge and M Woodlond (Aus) 7-6-6-3; J Ebringh and P Haarhuis (Noth) bt C Suk and 0 Vsock (Cz Rep) 6-3 6-2. Firsat: Connell and Galbrath bt Ebringh and Hearnust 7-6-7-6-3-6-7-6. FED CLIP FINAL (Valencial) Singless: C Martinez (Sp) bt C Rubin (IS) 7-5-7-6. A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt M J Farrendez (US) 6-3-6-2; Martinez bt Ferrandez 6-3-6-4; Farrandez and L Devenport (US) bt V Rusno-Pescual and M Sanchez Lorenzo (Sp) 6-3-7-6. Spain win 3-2.

Weightlifting

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WORLD CHAMPRINSHEPS (Guangchos, Chinels Ments 100thgs Senetors 1.0 u Wentsia (Ch 192.5tg 2 | Rezerenov (UA) 190.0; a M Goga (Geor) 182.5. Clean and Jeric 1. Rezerenov 277.5; 2 S Fetho (Rs.) 222.5; 3 G Schekalo (Bela) 220.0. Totals 1. Rezerenov 417.5; 2 Ca. 407.5; 3 Fetho 405.0. Ower 100thg: Senetors 1. R Weiler (Ger) 197.5; ag 2 A Chierrentin (Rus) 197.5; 3 S Boter (Uas) 190.0. Clean and Jeric 1. Boter 245.0; 2 Chemarkin 245.0; 3 Weiler 440.0; 3 Boter 435.0; 4 M Nerlinger (Ger) 427.5; 5 A Krouchevitot (Belei) 412.5; 6 Km Tae-Hyun (S Kor) 410.0; 7 P Setisidis (Gr) 410.0; 2 R Dorochouk (Bela) 402.5; 9 T Stark (Hung) 402.5; 10 N Dunematayan (Ibr) 400.0. Women's 835g; Smatch: 1 Wen Ni (Ch) 107.5; 2 A Musa (Nigeria) 107.5; 3 K Lindahl (Fr) 102.5. Clean and Jeric 1. Chem Hsiao-len (Ra) 132.5; 2 E Takas: (Hung) 130.0; 3 Lundahl 125.0. Totals 1. Tokas: 232.5; 2 Chen 230.0; 3 Lundahl 227.5; 5 M Auges (GB) 212.5.

TODAY'S NUMBER

The players in yesterday'a Arsenat v Blackbum Premiership metch sporting bandaged wrists. Tony Adams received his injury playing for England and Arsenal earn-mate Paul Merson was hurt in training. Rovers' Graham Le Saux; meanwhile, was nurs-ing the result of his infamous fracas with David Batty.

Recently the first maxim has been reversed: Liverpool are losing when playing well. In each of the last five matches they have played well, if not for the whole match. At Middlesbrough on Saturday they were terrible in the first half, but excellent in the second. They lost 2-1. In the last five games they have taken one Premiership point from 12 and gone out of Europe. For once, talk of a cri-

It is not that Liverpool are go-ing to get relegated. The situa-tion is not that critical. But, with Newcastle, the other pre-season favourites, 14 points ahead and disappearing over the Premiership horizon, neither are they likely to win the title.
The reason is not difficult to

fathom. While the defence can be shaky, a team with the best young goalscorer, the best veteran goalscorer, and the most expensive goalscorer in the country is not scoring goals. In those last five games they have

Ian Rush is partially exonerated. He is injured and has missed the tast three games. Although he managed only four goals heforehand he did prove a good partner for Rohbie Fowler, Fowler himself is partially excused; he has scored 13 goals this season. Stan Collymore? Guilty as charged. Collymore has scored twice

this season, most recently on 16 September, a poor return even given his irregular appearances. He never looked like scoring on Saturday. This is not entirely his fault.

As Collymore contentiously suggested earlier this month, Liverpool do not seem to have given any thought to how he was to fit into their system.

Collymore likes space and possession. At Nottingham Forest most attacks were directed to, or through him. They were primarily counter-attacks, which gave him room to run at defences. Liverpool move forward like a royal procession, graceful, but hardly urgent. Collymore is thus starved of pos-



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is cramped for space and his relatively poor first touch is ex-

However, the player himself does not help matters. Liverpool expect their players to work hard for the team. For forwards this does not just involve running off the ball: Rush has been harrying defenders for 15 years. When Fowler first came into the team Rush's work-rate made the youngster appear a

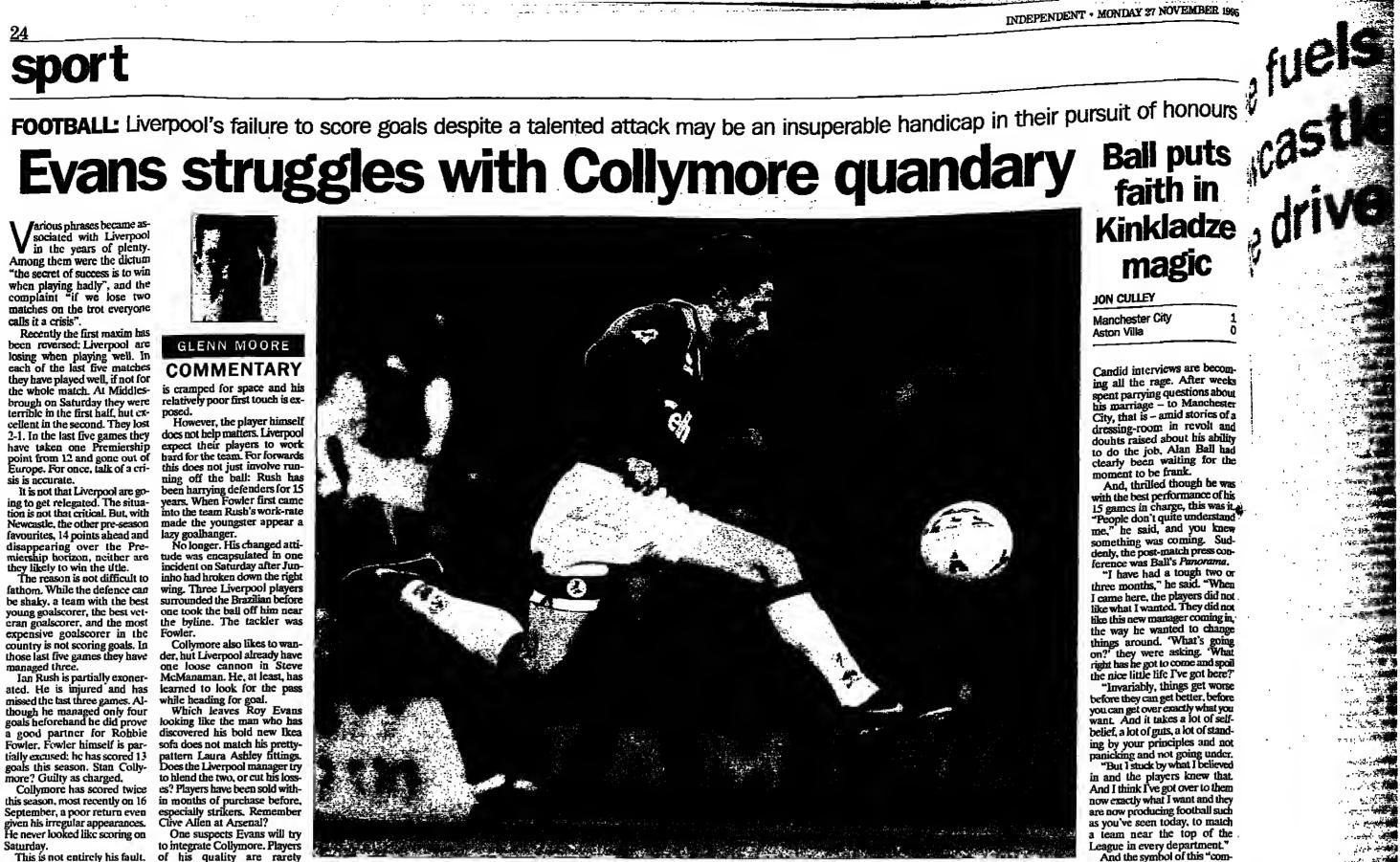
No longer. His changed atti-tude was encapsulated in one incident on Saturday after Juninho had hroken down the right wing. Three Liverpool players surrounded the Brazilian before one took the ball off him near the byline. The tackler was

Collymore also likes to wander, hut Liverpool already have one loose cannon in Steve McManaman. He, at least, has learned to look for the pass while heading for goal.
Which leaves Roy Evans

looking like the man who has discovered his bold new Ikea sofa does not match his prettypattern Laura Ashley fittings. Does the Liverpool manager try to hlend the two, or cut his losses? Players have been sold within months of purchase before. especially strikers. Remember Clive Allen at Arsenal?

One suspects Evans will try to integrate Collymore. Players of his quality are rarety available. But as a person Collymore appears to react better to security than having to fight for his place. That, however, is what he is likely to have to do for some time.

Middlesbrough's new signings, Nick Barmby and Juninho, have gelled better, although the Brazilian is still settling in. Before the game he said his teammates were learning to pass to his feet. That was not always apparent and it was infuriating to see him constantly run towards session, then given it when he a player, arms out, heseeching



Brazilian ballet: Juninho displays mesmerising mld-air ball control in one of Middlesbrough's many attacks

the pass, only for his team-mate to hit the ball long over his head towards Jan-Age Fjortoft. However, Juninho received

more than enough of the ball in the first half for Liverpool's liking. They were tormented by his interchanging with the effervescent Barmby and should have been finished by the interval. "No one has opened us up like that this season," Evans said, Yet Middlesbrough scored only once before half-time, af-

ter 90 seconds. Juninho's jink-ing and Fjortoft's optimistic deflected shot created an opening for Barmby. He drew David James then coolly pulled the ball back for Neil Cox, James then kept Liverpool in contention. aided by Dermot Gallagher's leniency. The referee allowed Phil Babb to remain on the field after he had crudely clattered into Juninho after 26 minutes. Gallagher evened things up 11 minutes after the break when

Gary Walsh handled outside the box as Liverpool took over the game. Both players could, indeed should, have gone under present interpretations of the rules. While Gallagher's reprieves smacked of common sense, they also illustrated the inconsistency managers bemoan.

Liverpool did equalise, 16 minutes later. Neil Ruddock heading in Jason McAteer's cross. had volleyed in Cox's cross.

Liverpool, with McAteer driving them forward, then beseiged Boro in vain, McManaman scorned a clear chance but, that apart, Boro held firm, with Nigel Pearson outstanding in an impressive back three. It was not hard to see why they defensive record in the Pre-

Liverpool, who looked understandably short of confidence

Deadlock in derby mirrors

castle in the Coca-Cola Cup on Wednesday. A third successive home defeat, after Brondby and Everton, and they will have only the FA Cup to chase from a season that promised so much.

Photograph: Simon Wilkinson

Hermool (3-5-2): James; Wight, Ruddock, Bebti Jones (Thomas, 77), McMeremen, McA-teer, Bames, Harlness; Fowler, Colymore, Sob-stitutes not used; Warrier, Kennedy,

Candid interviews are becoming all the rage. After weeks spent parrying questions about his marriage - to Manchester City, that is - amid stories of a dressing-room in revolt and doubts raised about his ability to do the job. Alan Ball had moment to be frank.

And, thrilled though he was with the best performance of his 15 games in charge, this was it. me," he said, and you knew something was coming. Suddenly, the post-match press conference was Ball's Panorama.

"I have had a tough two or three months," he said. "When I came here, the players did not like what I wanted. They did not like this new manager coming in, the way he wanted to change things around. 'What's going on?' they were asking.

the nice little life I've got here? "Invariably, things get worse before they can get better, before you can get over exactly what you want. And it takes a lot of selfbelief, a lot of guts, a lot of standing by your principles and not

panicking and not going under.
"But I stuck by what I believed in and the players knew that. And I think I've got over to them now exactly what I want and they are now producing football such as you've seen today, to match a team near the top of the League in every department."

And the symbol of this "coming together of people", as Ball put it, is the 22-year-old Georgian midfield player, Georgi Kinkladze, for whom the cluh's chairman, Francis Lee, paid Dynamo Tblisi £2m in the summer. Dribbling, passing or shooting, he was the best player on view, his performance finished with a clever and decisive goal, his first in England, after he ran on to 🖣 Niall Quinn's back-heeled return pass with six minutes left. Just as well, too, after Keith Curie's firsthalf penalty miss had threatened to prove costly.

He was bewildered to start with," Ball said. "He spoke very little English and it was foreign to him to tackle and scrap and fight like you do in England. But the boy's got an immense talent... We knew that if you got him the ball in the right areas he would blossom. I think I've got that across and what you've seen is the one, two-touch football that I believe in, orchestrated by the little fellow."

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Whether Ball is wise to congratulate himself so soon is another matter - on paper all he has achieved so far is to lift City to fourth from bottom, just the position Villa were in when a year ago, they sacked Ron Atkinson. But City did look good and the transformation in their fortunes - 10 points from four matches after just two from the first 11 - is startling.

Villa had their moments, indeed, Kit Symons cleared off his line from Tommy Johnson in the opening minute, but Brian Little, celebrating his 42nd birthday. could not complain that his anniversary was spoiled and did not.

HIVETSATY Was Spottled and did did doc. Goal: Kinkladze (84) 1-0. Manchester City (4-2): Immel; I Brightwell, Symons, Carle, Edgalf; Summerbee, Kinkladze, Fitteroft. Lomas; Rosler, Querin. Substitutes not used: Creaney, Cotor (80), Remaghan. Aston Villa (5-2-3): Bosnet; Charles, Pings. McGrath, Southgate, Winght Taylor (Staunton, 67), Daper, Johnson, Mildoseke (Schneca, 79), Yorke. Substitute not used: Spink (80).

Ferguson waiting in the wings to exploit attacking options

Everton Sheffield Wednesday

If Duncan Ferguson had leapt from his seat in the dug-out during the second half and given the roof of that structure a good, solid head-butt, he would have had a defence which, at worst, should have brought him a suspended sentence.

On top of paying his deht to society, Ferguson, on his first full day outside Barlinnie, had to endure the sight of countless situations that he would have been ideally qualified to exploit.

As it was, an endless stream of crosses and corners from Anders Limpar and Andy Hinehcliffe went unappreciated. With Paul Rideout mjured - in, ironicalty, a clash of heads - Evertoo lacked the physical presence in the penalty area that would have brought them a winner. Wednesday had taken a two-

headers from inviting crosses. Ferguson must have been squirming on his bench; there must surely be an EC directive on such cruel and unusual pun-

The Everton manager, Joe Royle, is still wary and defensive on the subject of his headstrong prodigal, especially when the query comes in a Scottish accent.

"I don't talk to the Scottish press," he told one questioner with giveaway vowel sounds. "Don't you think you've done enough to him?" He was willing to concede.

however, that the prospect of Ferguson feeding off the sort of attack across the full width of the field that Everton are now capable of unleashing is a mouthwatering one.

On Saturday, the decisive work was done by a winger whose strong suit is not his crossing hut his ability to outrun the defence and find the angle To make matters worse, for the shot or the telling pass.
Wednesday had taken a two-

goal lead with Mark Bright Wednesday's lead in first-half in- Alan Stuhbs is to see another ADAM SZRETER jury time and it was his pass to Daniel Amokachi that produced the equaliser.

Kanchelskis gave Sheffield an awkward time from start to finish, although they were never acquiescent victims. At almost 34, the debutant Steve Nicol looked thoroughly at home both back on Merseyside and hack in the Premiership.

Five million pounds and worth every penny," enthused David Pleat over his free transfer signing from Notts County. He could sit in an armchair and play, because he's got a hrain,"

"Sometimes in English foothall, you need more brain and Goals: Bright (2) 0-1; Bright (36) 0-2; Kancheldis (45) 1-2; Amokachi (54) 2-2.

Brenton (4-4-2): Southall; Jackson, Watson, Unaworth, Hacholiffic; Kanchelsks, Parkinson, Ebbrel, Limper; Rideout (Amorechi 18), Stu-an, Substitutes not esed: Home, Keaton (go. Sheffield Wodnesday (5-4-1): Pressman, Nolan, Atherton, Nicol, Walker, Briscoe (Williams 63, Degyse 72; Woddle, Hyde, Whitergram, Sutton; Bright, Substitute not used: Woods (gl.).

Stubbs to see specialist over ankle

specialist today about the ankle trouble which has forced the Bolton defender to miss the last three games.

Roy McFarland, the Bolton manager, had hoped that Stubbs would be fit to play at Southampton on Saturday, hut reported that the ankle was still swollen and sore.

"The tissue around the Achilles has settled down quite well hut the soreness is a bit of a worry," McFarland said. Better news for Manchester

United, whose midfielder Roy Keane is swimming his way back to fitness and on target for a return in the Republic of Ireland's European Championship play-off game with the Netherlands at Anfield on 13 December.

Keane is on a bydrotherapy course to huild up his strength after his second hemia operation this year and is optimistic of being fit for the play-off. He expects to resume to full training within a fortnight.

the Chelsea boardroom

Tottenham Hotspur

If the second half of this game is anything to go by, then clearly clubs playing for the third time in eight days ought to consid-ering halving the admission fee.

Then again, Chelsea provided so much entertainment off the field last week that perhaps they felt justified in taking every penny. Given that this was a local der-

by, where avoiding defeat is paramount, the majority of the 31,059 inside Stamford Bridge were probably not heartbroken by the result or the performance. But to the neutral, the rubbish that was put out after half-time recked with negativity.

Both sides had chances in the first period, the best of them falling to Chelsea's Eddie New-ton after 10 minutes, but having been put clean through by Dennis Wise he shot against the straight to Petrescu.

Spurs stirred themselves and Chelsea had Dmitri Kharin to thank for three fine saves, first diving at the feet of Ronny Rosenthal and then, at full stretch, denying Chris Arm-strong twice. All the openings were created by Ruel Fox's right-wing cunning, and at half -time a goal seemed imminent.

The second half began with the farcical sight of Newton and his team-mate Dan Petrescu frantically trying to barge through the crowd of stewards, ball-boys and other hangers-on as the referee, Steve Lodge, clearly with a train back to Barnsley to catch, was blowing his whistle to re-start the game.

Nothing whatsoever happened for the next 25 minutes, until Chelsea won a corner. Their centre-half, David Lee. took it and promptly hooted it straight out. Tottenham then won a corner and Fox did the decent thing by passing it

"The spirit is still high but during a recent photo shoot

Take a bow

JIM STANNARD

.. the 33-year-old former Fulham

goalkeeper, whose clean sheet

against his old club on Satur-

day was his 12th in 18 League

games for Gillingham, behind

the defence with the best cur-

rent record in the four English

Chelsea replaced a tired looking Nigel Spackman with a tiredlooking Craig Burley, while their Scottish international striker John Spencer remained on the bench. "The bottom line is that if we'd been 1-0 down instead of 0-0 then I think it would have been a different substitution. Chelsea's manager, Glenn Hod-

dic, revealed later. Petrescu and Teddy Sheringham wasted half-chances at either end and the ponderous Paul Furlong actually put the ball in the net two minutes from time. but he was penalised for a foul on Jason Dozzell. By that stage, though, a goal for either side would have been an injustice, and for Chelsca at least there was the satisfaction of tedious deadlock on the field mirroring the tedious deadlock in the boardroom.

Chesisas (3-5-2): Khann; Duberry, Lie, Johnsen; Potrezci, Wve, Spackman Blurley, 73), Newton, Nali; Hughes, Furong, Substituties not used: Spencer, Hicknook (5).
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Dutch sleeping on the job down in seven years and the Dutch have yet to en-But there may be grounds for optimism for Big Jack apparently the Netherlands' eight-strong Ajax contingent are being worn out by a schedule of high-pro-Fatigue is becoming a problem for the European Cup

Training Dutch style: The Ajax players, Kiki Musampa and Edgcar Dantels, go through unusual motions as the European Cup holders prepare for tomor-row's World Club Championship match in Tokyo - the Toyota Cup - against the Brazilian side Brazilian side, Gremio. South American clubs have won the competition 20 times while European clubs have pre-valled on 13

of last season when they signed Andy Cole, Manchester United are planning another swoop for a Newcastle star, according to the News of the World. New target, Philippe Albert, seen as a successor to United captain Steve Bruce. Despite a cult following on David Batty. Tyneside, Albert has been unable. Also in the People, Leads are to regain favour with Kevin Kee-gan after his long-term injury. Supposedly planning to relieve Manchester United of out-of-The same paper claims Leices-

Fact and fiction from the Sunday papers the Sunday papers the doff the transfer coup and off the transfer coup. succeed Graham Taylor at Mo-Having pulled off the transfer coup been lined up to take charge until the end of the season... then give way to Steve Bruce. The People also predicts a £3m move by Arsenal for Blackthey say, is Belgian defender burn's Graeme Le Saux, who

fevour Lee Sharpe, while Sheffield ter City are bracing themselves Wednesday are taking a keen infor a bitter battle with Wolves over terest in Crystal Palace's £4m-Mark McGhee, on the shortlist to rated defender Chris Coleman.

Foreigners who will pay to play for English clubs

lonable that foreigners are willing to pay to play here. Bonetti, the Mariners' match-winner for the second Saturday running, says he'll stump up half his £100,000 transfer fee to stay at Blundell Park.

Antonio Pacheco, told he is not unusual arrangements with over-Nottingham Forest, is paying his own expenses rather than go too happy to comply.

It may have escaped your notice son you could have had 33-1. but here we are in the last days of ... So who were Hills' no-hopers this November and not one Premier- season, then? At even money, ship manager has been sacked. Bottoh's Roy McFarland looks to Have the chairmen all gone soft? have been a reasonable selection By this time last year, five had gone as favourite but 5-4 Genry Francis Ron Atkinson shown the door, Ger- as puzzling, perhaps, as 5-2 Alan ry Francis and Brian Little tender- Ball. Considering that Frank Clark

ing their resignations.

play the English way but I know I'm good enough for Forest," the 28-year-old former international said. "It want to know what is the English way and I will stay until I find out, whatever the expense." After the Lars Bohinen affair,

And now Portuguese triallist. Forest are wary of entering into seas players - but these are terms with which they are only



odds about who would NOT keep Francis Lee's patience.

alone are nearly £600 a week.

"I'm told I'm not fit enough to

his job, had their fingers painfully singed, giving 10-1 Atkinson and 16-1 Ardiles. Had you bet on George Graham not lasting the sea-

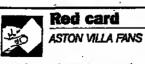
Ossie Ardiles, Mike Walker and is looking a bit silly...aithough not and Bryan Robson were only William Hill, offering pre-season 3-1, that displayed great faith in

h's official - English home to Lisbon. His note! bills Against all Cup odds alone are nearly £600 a week.

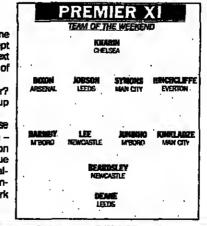
With one round left before the big guns come into view, a dozen non-League sides attempt to survive the second round of the FA Cup next Saturday, compared with eight last season, half of whom made it to round three. So which minnows, if any, need the giants fear?

The Ladbrokes book on who will actually win the Cup s some clues. The interesting one is 3,000-1 Telford United. whose GM Vauxhall Conference form - nne win in seven ought not to worry the Second Division promotion hopefuls Notts County. But then again, 11 League

scalps have fallen to the Shropshire shock specialists and, as their captain, Marcus Bignot, says: "County will be really confident - and that might just work In our favour." Red card



who lacked the decency to stay quiet while the 72-year-old Bert Trautmann, the former Manchester City goalkeeper, struggling in any case with a dodgy microphone, opened City's new £11m Kippax Stand before Saturday's game at Maine Road.



That was the weekend that was

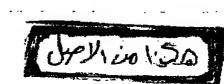
On form there can be only nne winner when ireland meet the Netherlands to decide the last qualifier for next summer's Euro 96. Next month's Antield play-off will be their fourth major show-

counter failure.

holders, whose internationals have played more than 25 games in the last 12 weeks. "Some of us are getting very tired," midfielder Ronald de Boer admitted. for a magazine, one of our players fell asleep!"

I don't want to say too much but we're looking quite good. We've felt all season that there is no one in the League to frighten us Jim Smith, the Derby County manager, eyeing a promotion challenge after Saturday's draw at Crystal Palace extended the Rams' run to one defeat in 10 games

93 the number of days since Hull City, bottom of Division Two, lost won in the League





Lee fuels Newcastle title drive

GUY HODGSON

Newcastle United Leeds United

The mood of patience was set even as you entered St James' Park. On the roof of a petrol station where a number of protesters were sitting, a banner "Get the Shell out of Nigeria" hung provocatively. Their demeanour suggested they intended to linger.

Inside there were also a group determined to make their point. Leeds, bristling with stubborn intent, had staked a claim on Newcastle's property and were not going to be prised off it easily. Nor, according to their leader, should they have been.

Howard Wilkinson had a face afterwards that suggested a few of his charges had faced an explosion. The Leeds manager looked, in sbort, like he would like to get the hell out of Nigeria, Newcastle and a few other places besides. Anywhere where he could forget what he

"Disappointing," he murmured, 'very, very disappointing. In the first half we played well but in the second we put the game at risk. The front three lost the ball too easily and the ball kept coming back at us. You can't let a team play in your own half for as long as we were doing.

The second Newcastle goal was just sheer recklessness. Tony Yeboah lost the ball on the half-way line with a dribble and suddenly we're losing. At 1-1 we had a result." His voice tailed off, his own patience clearly strained.

It was the suddenoess of Leeds' surrender that shocked. After 70 minutes they were a goal ahead thanks to a scorching 31st-minute header from Brian Deane and looked to be comfortably containing a Newcastle side who were becoming exasperated. A minute later and they were losing 2-1.

That was due largely to Robert

cr in Britain. "He was a corporal in the army when he arrived here," the Newcastle manager," said, "now he's a general." The officer he had in mind was

probably Sherman because Lee had the vulnerability of a tank. Collecting the ball on the half-way line he surged forward, swept Tony Dorigo out of his path and thumped a low shot to John Lukic's right. "Somebody wrote recently that Lee is not good enough for England." Keegan snorted. "Ask the Leeds players who has impressed them today and they'll say Roh Lee."

Les Ferdinaod might have got a mention too because he hed a mighty game considering he was slowed by ao injury. His height and frame allowed him to win the ball nevertheless and it was one of the prodigious leaps that led to Newcastle's secood goal, his header rebounding from Lukic's save and Peter Beardsley sliding the hall in.

The result left Keegan's voice strained but his satisfaction blooming. This will send a shudder round the country a little hit. People will say ooh they've come through that onc. That was a tough one. We came up against a side who were playing well. It was a mega-match for us," he said,

it also left Newcastle with a six-point lead in the Premiership after a sequence of fixtures in which they met several of their rivals. "November will go down as the month of character." he said. "I've learnt something about my team that you can't get on the training ground and that is they've got real character. Even when they haven't been playing well they haven't half worked hard," Goats: Deane (30) 0-1; Lee (70) 1-1; Beardsley (71) 2-1.

Nomeastie United (4-4-2); Histor; Baron, Peacock, Howey, Berestort; Gilespie, Lee, Clark, Ginola; Beardsley, Fertirand. Substi-tutes not used; Watson, Albert, Sellars. Leeds United (4-3-3); Lukic; Kelly, Wemer-all, Jobson, Dongo (Bowman, 89); McAtister, Ford (Brolin, 63), Palmer; Speed, Yeboah, Deans, Substitute not used; Whelan,



Arms and the man: England colleaguas Tony Adams, the Arsenal captain (left), and Blackburn's Alan Shearer attempt to gain the upper hand during vesterday's Premiership match at Highbury, which ended in a goalless stalemate

Photograph: Peter Jay

Wolves need a man of many talents

The word "Goodyear" is em-blazoned oo their shirts. The firm on whose coaches they travel is called "Happy Days". In Wolves' position - 20th in the First Division, managerless and closer to purgatory than limbo -the most innocuous names are loaded with bitter irony.

Their 2-1 defeat by Huddersfield at the McAlpine Stadium, newly voted Building of the Year by Britain's architects, underlined the extent of the reconstruction work awaiting Molineux's next incumbent, No points out of nine in the fortnight since Graham Taylor's exit offers a snapshot of decay; the hroader picture reveals just eight wins in 34 games.

Hardly a result or a record to prompt a pitch invasion by the chairman, Jonathan Hayward, His father, Sir Jack, Wolves' owner, would probably not have approved. Yet on he charged at

the end, exhorting the players to apploud their 3,500 followers. Before driving to his farm in Northumberland, there to relay the bad tichings to Sir Jack in the Bahamas, Hayward Jur was asked whether an announce ment might be made before Wednesday's Coca-Cola Cup visit by Coventry. "I just want

to get the right person," he said.
"That's my priority,"
His coyness may be a smokescreen for frantic behind-thescenes activity, though it is equally likely that Wolves' search for their man of destiny is no nearer a conclusion. The fans he was so anxious to salute are the people who drove Taylor out, so it is vital to carry them. Judging by letters and polls in the local press, they are as confused as everyone else.

One strand of opinion argues for an experienced operator with a good track record. Ron

Phil Shaw reports on the problems awaiting Molineux's next manager

Atkinson would have fitted the identikit 18 months ago, as would George Graham now but for his ban. Howard Kendall has the advantage of being available. hut may be seen as yesterday's man. Skipping a generation, there is backing for Mark Mc-Ghee, Mick McCarthy, Jinnmy Nicholl, Steve Coppell, Danny Wilson and Martin O'Neill.

A second school of thought favours a charismatic player-manager, with Steve Bruce, Chris Weddle and Gordon Strachan as front-runners. Although there is a risk in appointing someone with no experience, Wolves' chairman has observed the impact of

such "novices" as Kevin Keegan and Bryan Robson from his base in the North-east.

Sources close to Molineux on McGhee or Bruce, while that modern barometer of opinion. the fanzine editor, claims a groundswell for McCarthy. Whoever accepts the poisoned chalice may literally have a small fortune with which to work, a large one having gone on ground and team already. In the meantime the care-

taker manager, Bobby Downes. has at least restored morale. In terms of quality, however, Taylor's legacy is dubious. Wolves are leaking goals under no real pressure, with de Wolf a par-ticular liability because of his strange inability to compete in

the air and tendency to hang back for fear of being caught for pace if he pushes out. Andy Booth, the striker Tay-

lor once sought to replace Steve Bull, fired the first goal after Wolves had twice hit the woodwork. Paul Dalton converted a suggest they have not given up free-kick, a just reward for some stunning touch play by Hud-dersfield, before Bull's header

ensured a more just outcome. When the Haywards did their Field of Dreams bit by transforming Molineux, the public expected Premiership status to follow automatically. Hence the pressure which has generated anguish of a kind conspicuous by its absence beneath Huddersfield's curved roofs. There, for the moment, having a beautiful place to enjoy football seems to be enough.

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three minutes after half-time the

result looked a formality and

Gordon Durie added a stunning

fourth with only his second

touch after coming oo as a

reports that the £2.5m signing

of Gremin's Brazilian striker

Jardel is all but wrapped up.

Morton's Allan McGraw

was recovering yesterday after

becoming the second Scottish

manager this season to he

rushed to hospital during a match. McGraw was taken away

by ambulance as his side bear

the leaders, Dunfermline, 2-0 on

to go second in the First Divi-

sion. He had tests in a Dun-

fermline hospital for what is

thought to be a stomach prob-

Smith would not be drawn on

substitute.

Argentina stunned as Hoskin steals in

Hockey

PETER COLWILL Great Britain

David Whittle, the Great Britain manager, should be highly satisfied by the start his men's team made to their warm-up for the Olympic qualwant-up to the dynamic with fiving campaign, drawing with Argeotina at Hounslow on Sat-urday after beating them 4-2 at Reading last week.

These were Britain's first internationals for 18 months and Whittle used them to look at 22 players, ominiog seveo cer-tainnes for the Olympic qualifier in Barcelona in January.

Argentina, who finished seventh in the World Cup and who have already qualified for the Olympics as Pan American champions, are a fast and skil-ful side who provided a stiff challenge

Howard Hoskin, playing only his second international had a goal disallowed in the seventh minute for a borderline offside, but the slightly built Reading midfield player was on hand to score the British equaliser.
Argentina went ahead in the

18 th minute. Jorge Lombi rat-tled the crossbar and the rebound resulted in the second of their three penalty corners. Allasdair Seaton did well to save the first shot from Maximilliano Caldas, but was helpless as Leandro Baccarro swept the rebound into the net.

Ten minutes later Britain were level. A quick free hit by Soma Singh released Ben Sharpe down the right. As his cross came over Danny Hall was im peded, but the British bench were quick to applaud the excellent savantage played by the un pire, Hamish Jamson, which allowed Hoskin to steal in un-

noticed at the far post, Graces Bettain: A Seaton (Old Loughton-aris); Some Sings (Southgate), P Edwards (Cronnock), S Hezitt (Hourston, capt), J Weilis (Teddington), A Colclough (Teddington), a Sisappe (Cannock), J Lee (Old Loughton-aris, Olden (Cantice) H Hoskin (Bastins)

Old Loughtonians suffered their first defeat of the season, losing 2-1 to Southgate who go two points clear at the top of the National League. Cannock, who drew 2-2 with Barford It was Gascoigne's wickedly who drew 2-2 with Barford flighted free-kick that Darren Tigers remain second ahead of Dods headed into his own net | Reading and Old Loughtonians comverted four corners, hut it land strikers Ally McCoist and Darren Jackson traded early was not enough as Surbiton, with three goals from Richard Once Charlie Miller struck Elmitt, beat Havant 5-4.

Olympic place for **Britain**

BILL COLWILL

reports from Cape Town South Africa

Great Britain went into their last game of the Olympic qualifying tournament knowing they need ed at least a draw against South Africa to book their ticket to the

day's; games unfolded. China came from behind to beat Argentina 2-1 and had to wait until the last game of the day to know their fate. With the Netherlands going behind again st Germany after six minites, the Chinese were beginning to celebrate the thought of their first Olympics. But the Dutch, needing a victory to

With Jane Sixsmith firing on all cylinders, Britain always looker capable of getting the point they needed against South Africa. Nevertheless, they had to wait until the 29th minute for

never booked like penetrating a well-marshalled British defence in which Jill Atkins was the pick. However, plenty of work lies ahead in the coming months. An injection of speed into the defence appears essential, and some changes in the front run-

Hunt keeps Birmingham in the hunt

JAMES WOODWARD

Birmingham City Leicester City

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A stirring fighthack by Birmingham City at St Andrews vesterday ensured the race for a Premiership place remains as deadlocked as ever.

Birmingham, who had seven players absent and dropped an eighth from the side which lost an unbeaten 15-match run to Derby County io midweek, came from two goals down after only 16 minutes to deny their Midland neighbours the three points which would have taken first shot was saved by lan Ben- ers, but Leicester looked more Referee: II Alison (Lancaster)

FA Carting Premiership

of the First Division.

players - the on-loan Danny Hill, David Precce and Swedish striker Dan Sahlin - were making their debuts, while the 6ft 7in Kevin Francis was returning after a seven-mooth absence.

Fry claimed he picked Francis to distract Leicester from the fact that "we don't have 6 defence". They were not fooled. Simon Gravsoo found acres of space in the ninth minute to cross for Iwan Roberts, whose

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Leicester City back to the top nett before the striker turned in f the First Division. the loose ball for his 11th goal Even then the visitors of the season.

to bring them victory over a for himself with a shot deflect-Birmingham side in which three ed from the shoulder of Francis and at that point Birmingham were in danger of being routed. However, Jonathan Hunt scored his eighth goal of the season, firing in from the edge of the area on the halfhour to revive the home side's hopes and four minutes after the hreak the same player converted a penalty after John Frain had been floored by Scott

Second Division

Tavior. Fry threw on two new strik-

threatening and their manager, Mark McGhee, claimed afterwards: "We have played another of the ion conto are better than them.

Fry was happy to take a point and will further strengthen his squad today with the loan signing of Barcelona's Ronnie Ekelund, the Danish international, who will make his dehut in the Coca-Cola Cup at Middlesbrough on Wednesday.

Birmingham City (4-4-2): Bennett; Forsyth, Whyte, Johnson, Frain; Hill (Sohlin, 74), Cas-tio (Lowe, 67), Presee, Hum; Clarkige, Fran-cis (Cherlery, 67).

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FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES Third Division

Scottish Coca Cola Cup Final

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Norwich maintain their rise Controversy has dogged Paul Gascolene from day one of his

Norwich City's rise towards the top of the First Division table continued with a comfortable 2-0 win egainst Watford at Vicarage Road yesterday.

The Canaries moved up five places to second behind Millwall as they picked up a fifth successive victory - their fourth in the League - and extended Watford's run without a win to 10 games.

Norwich soaked up early pressure before striking through Ashley Ward and then cemented their lead with a Keith Scott goal early in the second

In the Second Division, Carlisle United eased their relegation worries with a 4-2 victory over Wycombe. The Cumbrians were 2-0 up after ust eight minutes, Warren Aspinall opening the scoring and Dean Walling adding the second goal with a flashing header.

Wycombe responded with a Dave Carroll goal after 14 minites, but oine minutes later Carlisle's captain David Reeves stretched the advantage again with the best goal of the match. Reeves finished off a fine move, getting on the end of a superb pass by Allan Smart.

The last two goals were penalties, with Tony Gallimore converting for Carlisle and Dave Carroll netting Wycomhe's 83rd-minute consolation from the spot Cardiff moved up six places in the Third Division after their

3-1 victory at Edgar Street. Carl Dale, leading scorer in the division, scored twice - in the 46th and 81st minutes – to take his tally in all competitions to 18 this season.

Hereford dominated the first half but the Welshmen went in front immediately after the break when Dale pounced on a mistake by the Hereford goalkeeper Chris MacKenzie. Six minutes later, Darren Adams put Cardiff further in front with a header from 10

Hereford scored through Steve White in the 56th minute, but Dale clinched victory nine minutes from the eod when be cracked the ball into an empty net after MacKenzie could only parry an effort from Adams.

Gascoigne at best Scottish football

Gascoigne from day one of his time at Rangers, after his £4.3m club record move to Scottish football from Lazio, hnt on Salurday he orchestrated a 4-1 victory over Hibernian at Easter Road that kept the league leaders four points clear of Celtic. Gascoigne mede headlines

for the right reasons only four days before he and three other players face a Scottish Football Association disciplinary bearing into alleged incidents against Aberdeen. His performance won praise from both his manager, Walter Smith, who said it was one of the midfielder's "most effective" displays in a

hlue jersey, and the Rangers captain, Richard Gough. "He's played three games in 6 week and I thought he looked

strong throughout the 90 minutes against Hibs," Gough said. "His fitness looked as good as it has been all season. He had some close attention but he seems to like that - he can suck

Milan go marching on through the mud

Overseas football

If Pabio Capello does, as he suggested in midweek, move on from Milan next season, he could well be carrying his share of the Italian title with him, to judge from his side's comfortable 3-0 victory over Piacenza yesterday.

Goals from Dejan Savicevic, their Yugoslav midfield player, Christian Panucci and Paolo Maldini, meant Milan remain the target in Serie A. Capello, who has been wide-

ly linked with a move to Roma after five successful seasons at the former European champions, saw Milan go 2-0 up by half-time in a match in which they opted for the serial approach to good effect.

The tactic, designed to com-bat the boggy conditions at San Siro, resulted in three headed goals. Roberto Baggio set up the first two, firing the ball in from the left for Savicevic to head in the rebound and then hitting a corner for Panucci to knock home. Maldini added the third from a Savicevic corner.

Lazio and Fiorentina fal-

tered. Lazio lost 1-0 at Vicenza, where Giampiero Maini made up for missing a penalty at Napoli last week by scoring just before half-time. Fioreotina struggled against a confident Internazionale side, who went ahead through Maurizio Ganz after 17 minutes and could have had another goal, from Marco Branca. However, Argentina's Gabriel Battistuta lev-

elled it in the 67th minute. Inter looked likely to win in Florence until their Brazilian Roberto Carlos was carried off on a stretcher in the 52nd

In the Netherlands, PSV Eindhoven took advantage of Ajax's absence in Tokyo, where they are preparing for tomorrow's World Club Championship against Brazil's Gremio. They thrashed NEC 5-0, the Brazilian

striker Ronaldo scoring twice. Two goals from Rui Jorge helped Portugal's defending champions, Porto, to stay clear at the top of the league with a 6-0 victory over Maritimo. The victory was welcome for their coach, Bobby Robson, after Porto's recent poor form in the Champions' League.

lem. St Johnstone's Paul Stur-Olympics in Atlanta. Saturdav's rock was taken to hospital amid workmanlike victory saw them fears of a heart attack during a into second place as the last game earlier in the campaign.

avoid missing the Olympics for the first time, stormed back to

the solitary goal. Sixsmith, making a lot of ground down the right wing, cut in to provide a chance from close quarters and Rhonn Simpson scored. Although South Africa put up spirited resistance, they

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Bradford

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Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

Bradford Bulls

CRICKET: England captain and vice-captain in commanding form but Smith still desperately struggling for runs

Stylish Atherton gives no quarter

MARTIN JOHNSON reports from Bioemfontein

Orange Free State 201-8 England 202-3 England win by seven wickets

If you were to drop a book of things to do in Bloemfontein on to your foot it would not result in much of a bruise, so for Eng-land's cricketers to have left the locals feeling that another 30 years without a visit would not quite be long enough was no

On Saturday, England flirted with another Afrikaner uprising as the crowd vented its spleen at being, so to speak, Boered to death, and when very nearly the entire town turned up anticipating greater things for yesterday's one-day game, they went away wishing they had done something a bit more exciting with their Sunday, such as washing the car or mowing the lawn.

England were widely blamed for the three-day match evaporating into a turgid draw, and it is fair to say that Michael Atherton's declaration - leaving the Free State to make 311 in 55 overs - did not exactly err on the side of generosity.

Yesterday, the England captain was even more unchivalrous, making 60 runs off 73 balls with such panache that the essential ingredient for all one-day crick-

Football

MATT TENCH

Blackburn Rovers

Blackhurn Rovers may have

embraced Europe with all the

enthusiasm of Michael Howard,

but on the domestic front there

are signs their season is belatedly

emphatically ended Noiting-

Arsenal

et. a close finish, had disappeared

before most of the speciators had put a match to their barbecues. England's embarrassingly easy seven-wicket victory, with 54 balls to spare, will have put them in good heart for Thurs-day's second Test match at the Wanderers ground in Johannesburg, although what other relevance it will have had to that particular game is a moot point.

In fact, the most pertinent fac-tor from the weekend is whether England's Test match selection will be affected by a back injury to Richard Illingworth. England are hoping that three days of rest will clear it up, but if not (given that the other R Illingworth would currently offer a better spin option than Mike Watkinson) they will have little choice hut to go into the match with a

four-pronged pace attack.
This would ordinarily be enough to hring Devon Malcolm back into the Test match equation, but even though Malcolm has been operating here on a pitch almost totally devoid of pace and bounce, the customary dehate on Malcolm has switched from whether he is capable of hitting a barn door, to whether he is capable of makng a dent in one.

Yesterday's game was at least anyone watching it at home

formance at Highbury yesterday.

were the remarkable events in

Moscow. David Batty and

Graeme Le Saux were both

picked for this match, the latter

wearing a light cast on his left

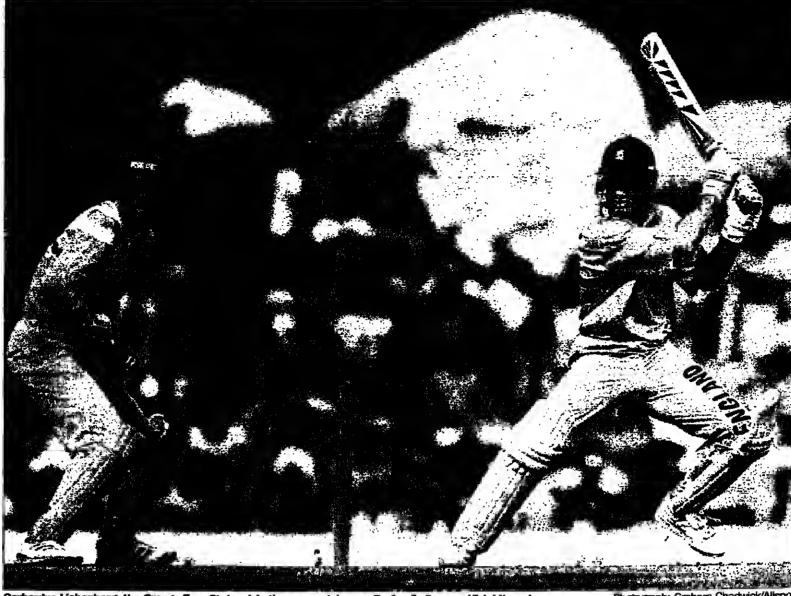
hand, the one which had been

broken in the act of punching

Batty as the two enacted their

For the record it should be

In between, of course, there



Serhardus Liebenberg, the Orange Free State wicketkeeper, watches as England's Graeme Hick hits out

Photograph: Graham Chadwick/Alisport

with Helder a frequent threat a Sunday lunchtime. The football

after the hour hut for another good save from Flowers.

He booked seven players in a game without a malicious foul,

were kitted out in blue. Free State in a particularly garish shade of orange, Jack Russell was colour uncoordinated in white pads, and the stumps were painted red.

Not, perhaps, quite as deep a shade of crimson as Allan Donald's face after Donald had sent down three overs for 25 runs yesterday, including five fours. He also failed to return for a second spell after Atherton and Alec Stewart had initially thrashed would have immediately sent for him out of the attack. There was the TV repair man, England just a suspicion that Donald

throughout the game the two managed to confine their sport-ing activity to football.

manager, said the club would be making an announcement de-

tailing the punishment for both

players today, but contrary to

weekend speculation neither

would be leaving Ewood Park.

ed Le Saux's early touches were

a welcome distraction from a

plodding first half which Black-

burn dominated for long peri-

The ironic cheers that greet-

Ray Harford, the Blackburn

second away point of the cam-paign with a determined per-throughout the game the two

might have been feeling another twinge from his recent groin strain, although Donald said after the game that he was expecting both to play in the Test match and to take wickets. "There will be more pace in the pitch than there was for the first Test," he said, "and the atmosphere at the Wanderers always gets my adrenalin pumping.

Yesterday's adrenalin, either from Donald or the crowd, spoon, and although Atherton

Le Saux and Batty stick to the game plan

Their best opportunity came in the 16th minute when Stuart

Ripley, cleverly fed down the right by Alan Shearer, crossed

to the near post where Mike Newell's close range shot was

Arsenal, clearly missing the

suspended Ian Wright and in-

jured Ray Parlour, frequently

resorted to long balls and the

well blocked by Lee Dixoil

ods without creating much in the way of goal mouth incident. when an injury to Martin Keown brought Glenn Helder on as a

and Stewart both played strokes of the highest class, just about the only time the spectators broke silence was to guffaw at a horrendous dropped catch at mid-off when Atherton had made 33.

Saturday's spectators were a little kinder, and stoically resisted a similar outbreak of mirth while watching Robin Smith batting. The captain and vice-captain might be in good form, but Smith's elongated 30-ball zero on

substitute, with Paul Merson moved inside, and Merson gave

the half an atypical finale, end-ing a neat move that involved

Dennis Bergkamp and Helder

with a well struck shot that Tim

Flowers partied round the post

during the break that the video

screen would shortly be showing

first-half highlights was greeted

Even so the announcement

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Extras (04, 108, w7, nb1)

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Total (for 8, 50 overs)

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Felt 1-15, 2-60, 3-106, 4-119, 5-125, 8-135, 7-161, 8-186.

down the left and he might have

opened his Premiership ac-count with a rasping drive just

The visitors could have won

it six minutes from time when

Newell's close range header was

well saved by David Seaman. Ar-

senal responded with their own

aerial threat, but Platt's header

ended up in Flowers' arms.

good save from Flowers.

FNGLAND *M A Atherton & Cronje b Venter ... A J Stewart & Liebenberg b Craven G A Hick b Craven

G A Hick b Crauen 31
G P Thorpe not out 12
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Extras (54, 86, 95, n51) 16
Total (for 3, 41 overs) 202
Pair: 1-116, 2-184, 3-193.
Did not bair: FR C Russell, D G Cork, M Weddinson, O Gough, P J Marfin, A C Fraser.
Bowling: Pretorius 2-0-14-0; Balvies 6-1-32-0; Donsid 3-0-25-0; Boys 10-1-30-0; Craven 7-1-36-2; Venter 10-0-47-1; Cronje 3-0-8-0.

rarely rose above the mundane,

but the referee, Graham Poll,

must accept a measure of blame.

and his overzealous approach

prevented what was always like-

y to be a closely contested affar

danger of losing this Regal Trophy third-round tie, they eventually owed their victory to a flawless display of goalkicking hy Paul Cook. Both sides scored six tries in a ragged and untidy match but Cook's nine goals from as many attempts, several of them em-nently missable, were the statistical difference between the two sides. "He never looked like missing," Matthew Ellion, the Bradford assistant coach, said ruefully.

He had other things to be rueful about, like the late with drawal of Paul Newlove with a recurrence of his back injury two hours before the kick-off. Without saving so directly, it was obvious that neither Elliott nor his chairman, Chris Caisley, were

On the face of it, a Bradford side lacking nine first choice players through a combination of injuries, flu and suspensions, did not do too badly. "But that flatters us a little," Elliott admitted. "We scored a lot of our points late and I would be liv-ing in fairyland if I said that we

ing in fairyland if I said that we were as good as Leeds today."

Leeds effectively had the match won at half-time, with two tries from Craig Innes and one from George Mann, plus Cook's first five goals, giving them a 22-6 lead. Within seven minutes of the restart, they minutes of the restart, they were even more firmly in control, Kevin Iro dummying his way over and Mick Shaw darting in from acting half.

At that point, Leeds showed their old penchant for sitting back and taking it easy, allow-ing Bradford to score five tries in the remaining half hour three of them in the last eight minutes. Roger Simpson scored one and created another two with deft kicks to emerge with as much credit as any of the

Leeds managed one other try, a hizarre one that summed up some of the eccentricities of Bradford's handling, when Rob-hie Paul gave the hall away to Innes and Francis Cummins raced in. Cook's conversion, and his ninth goal from a penalty, carried an air of inevitability. (Corstaw, 27), Holroyd; Harmon (Howerd, 54), Shaw, Howard, (Barrie McDermott, 29), Lowes, Mann, Mercer,

Bradford Bulles Simpson; Christie, Grahard, Turpin, Ellis; Paul, Robinson; Boothroyd (Wo-terbum, 26; Boothroyd, 60), Donohue (Win-terbum, 72), Harner, Knox, Brian McDermott (Hassan, 62), Wilson.

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ry to be a circlety contented attain from ever gaining a rhythm. Accessed (4 4 2): Seaman, Doon, Adams, Boud, Whiteflum; Hiller, Heown (Helder, 32), Plat. Museur, Benglamp, Vertson (Dickov, 79). Substitusis not used: Jersen. Bhockburn Rovers (4 4 2): Rowers; Kenna, Berg, Hendry, Le Sauc Buley, Shewnod, Bohnen, Batty: Shearer, Newell, Substitutes not used: Substitutes not used: Substitutes not used: Substitute, Michally, Milmms (gsl.). Referee: G Poli (firmd). midfield, in which David Platt with understandable scepticism. By the end the large crowd was anonymous, failed to exert any control. They did improve ter start to the second period, there were better ways to spend Referee: G Poll (Tring).

Dodds and Shearer end Aberdeen's wait

DAVID MCKINNEY

reports from Hampden Park Aberdeen

Aberdeen became the last team to leave the old ground with a trophy after goals from Billy Dodds and Duncan Shearer had secured victory in the Coca-

Cola Cup final against First Di-

vision Dundee yesterday. The famous ground will undergo the final phase of redevelopment in the new year with the demolition of the South Stand and as it made a final bow in its current configuration the national stadium bore witoess to the rebuilding job which has been performed by Roy Aitken, the Aberdeen manager.

It took a play-off victory six months ago against Dun-fermline for Aberdeen to retain their Premier Division status, an indignity which has ensured greater determination this season. Aitken has brought with him the will to win which characterised his career as a player with Celtic, Newcastle, St Mirren and Aberdeen.

He has been able to bring out the best in young players and although they rarely looked troubled against a disappointing Dundee side, they will feel their

semi-final win over Rangers was worthy of winning the Cup. The final rarely reached any heights, but after Raith Rovers' victory against Celtic 12 months ago, few in Aberdeen will worry about that. They will prefer to look to the example of Celtic when they won the Scottish Cup at the end of last season. Like the Glasgow club, Ah-erdeen have ended five barren years and will look for this victory to herald the dawn of a suc-

cessful new era. With the loss of Scott Booth, the forward, to injury before-hand, Aitken would have been pleased that both goals came from his strike force of Dodds and Shearer. Stephen Glass was instrumental in both, providing the crosses, a contribution which earned him the man of the match award.

His ball from the left in the 33rd mimute was deflected goalward before being pushed out by Michel Pageaud, the Dundee goalkeeper, into the path of

Dodds who displayed his poach-ing instincts by bundling the ball over the line.

The killer goal was delivered 42 seconds after the restart. Glass picking out Shearer inside the area with a high cross which was headed powerfully into the

Aberdeen might have won by a greater margin, but for bad finishing and had luck. A minute before the hreak a well worked one-two unlocked the Dundee defence, but Eoin Jess shot against the foot of Pageaud. At 2-0 ahead, the Dons came close with a Shearer header and a Miller shot

which scraped wide. However, the final 20 minutes belonged to Dundee though they rarely troubled the Aberdeen goalkeeper Michael Watt. Ultimately, Dundee had run out of steam, leaving Aberdeen to pick up the rewards which include qualification for next year's Uefa Cup.

Abordeon (4-4-2) Wott; Grant, Inglis, Smith,
McRimmle; Miller (Robertson, 79), Jess Gleiherston, 85), Bernard, Glass; Shearer, Dodds.

United may leave out McClair

Brian McClair could find himself back on the substitutes bench for Manchester United tonight, despite scoring twice against Coventry City last Wednesday.

Alex Ferguson must decide be-tween Paul Scholes and McClair for his team to face Nottingham Forest at the City Ground, where victory would bring the Premiership leaders, Newcastle, back to within three points.

Scholes, United's leading scorer this season with 10 goals, set out to make sure whatever I

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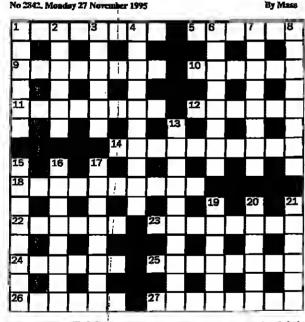
missed the 4-0 victory at Highask him to do he has the mental field Road because of a heavy cold. "I always look at whatever capacity and strength to do it."
Forest's last match in the Pregame I play in in the same way," McClair said. "I try and enjoy it miership was a 7-0 thrashing at Blackburn, which ended their unbeaten League record of 25 matches. Paul McGregor, who as much as I can and take whatever I can from the game. We must wait and see what happens. scored their goal in last week's but the club and team are more Uefa Cup win over Lyon, faces important than individuals." a fitness test on his back while Ferguson said: "Brian has giv-

Forest are without Bryan Roy, en this club great service. He has out for a month after a cartilage never complained and has always operation, and striker Jason Lee who still has a thigh injury.

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